

State Officer Candidate Application

due February 15 to the State Advisor

Before completing this application, review the [State Officer Election Policy](#). Each phase of the selection process is weighted as follows and will occur on the specified dates:

- a. Application - 15% | due February 15, 2024 to the State Advisor
- b. Interview - 45% | Monday, March 4, 2024 from 4-8pm at Midland University
- c. Voting Delegate Election - 40% | Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at Midland University
 - i. Fishbowl, Speech, Questions – fact & situational

Scores will be calculated and updated after each phase of the process. The four (4) State Officer Candidates with the highest overall score will be slated as State Officers.

After the State Leadership Conference, the newly elected officers will work together with the State Advisor and State Officer Coordinator to select their individual offices. This will take place during the State Officer Orientation on March 17-18, 2024 at a central location to be determined at SLC; teacher leaders should plan to attend part of this orientation.

By completing this application, each State Officer Candidate acknowledges the following:

- I am currently an active member of Nebraska Educators Rising in good standing, in an affiliated chapter.
- I am a freshman, sophomore, or junior while running for office.
- I am not running for a state officer position in another Career & Technical Student Organization (CTSO).
- I agree to attend the State Officer Candidate Screening Day (March 4, 2024), State Leadership Conference (March 5, 2024), and State Officer Orientation (March 17-18, 2024).

Directions:

- ☐ Save this form to your computer before beginning to fill it out. Close out of this form and open the one you saved. If you type on this form as it is, it will not save anything you type.
- ☐ Complete all pages of this form. Use only the space provided and do not manipulate the form in any way. You need to put the most important items in the space provided.
- ☐ Have two (2) Personal Profile sheets filled out and emailed directly to the State Advisor, as they are confidential submissions. One (1) should be completed by the candidate's teacher leader and one (1) by an adult school staff member familiar with the candidate's qualifications. When the teacher leader is the parent of the applicant, the Personal Profile should be completed by another adult school staff member.
- ☐ Complete the Code of Conduct form with the appropriate required signatures.
- ☐ Complete the State Officer Candidate contract with the appropriate signatures.
- ☐ Submit the completed application with the Code of Conduct form and State Officer Application, along with the two (2) Personal Profile sheets by February 15 to the State Advisor at stateadvisor@edrisingneb.org.
- ☐ Candidates are required to send a digital head and shoulder photo of themselves to Erin Johnson, Office Associate, at erin.johnson@nebraska.gov. (Note: Do not use a school photo as these are protected with a copyright.)
- ☐ Present a speech at the State Leadership Conference. The speech may be up to three minutes in length and must be presented without visuals on the following topic:

“Explain how Educators Rising has helped you
‘Discover Your Potential’ as a future educator.”

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Personal Information						
Name				Grade		
Home Address			City		Zip	
School Email			Personal Email			
Cell Phone						
Chapter/Teacher Leader Information						
Teacher Leader Name				Cell Phone		
School Name						
School Address			City		Zip	
Teacher Leader Email						
Personal Qualifications						
The grade level students could first be an EdRising member at my school						
The grade levels in which I have been/am a member of EdRising						
List Education & Training courses and grade level when taken. Please list the courses as they appear on your transcript.						

Why do you want to be a Nebraska Educators Rising State Officer?

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List your participation in Educators Rising, school, & community activities in the space provided. Include offices held, programs, competitions, workshops, & contributions to the Education & Training Courses and/or Education Academy. Note that not every space may be filled.

	Educators Rising Activities	Non-EdRising Activities	Community Activities
Local			
State			
National			

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Using the information from the previous chart, explain your leadership qualities & experiences & tell how they would help you be an effective Educators Rising State Officer.

Describe a time when you contributed to the success of a team you were a part of. Share your contributions to the team, how you handled conflict amongst members, etc.

As a member of the State Officer Team, you will be asked to help develop the State Association's Program of Work. What ideas do you have for expanding the current Program of Work or building on existing initiatives?

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Your role as a State Officer will include advocating for Educators Rising as well as the broader field of Career & Technical Education (CTE), including other Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs). What experience do you have advocating for these fields and/or organizations and how will that experience help your advocacy efforts as a State Officer?

Social Media is a powerful tool to communicate with members and advisors. How will you use social media as a State Officer to build connections with members, recognize accomplishments, and promote events and initiatives of the State Association?

How can Educators Rising play a role in filling the teacher pipeline? What specific initiatives or strategies would you advocate for to attract and prepare more aspiring educators to meet the growing demand for qualified teachers in our schools?

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State Officer Candidate Brochure

In 100 words or less, write a brief description of yourself and your Educators Rising experiences. This text will NOT be edited when it is put online for the membership to read so be sure to check spelling and grammar. Also, count your words to be sure you are under the 100-word limit. Once you hit that limit, your description will be stopped.

State Officer Candidate Brochure Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that the description provided above is what will be included in the SOC Brochure and understand that no editing/adjustments will be made.

Candidate Initials

Teacher Leader Initials

Website Photo Release

I agree to permit my photograph to be displayed on the Nebraska Educators Rising website.

I further agree that I, my heirs, and my legal representatives release and hold Nebraska Educators Rising, its officers, directors, members, employees, or agents, harmless from any injury, claims, unauthorized use, misuse, actions, judgments, or other liability that may result from the display of my photograph on the Nebraska Educators Rising website.

Please include a head and shoulders photo to be used in the form of a digital image. Do not use a photo that is copyright protected, such as a school photo.

Candidate Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

State Competitive Events Information

Are you participating in a Competitive Event this year? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, then please indicate which event(s) you plan to participate in at SLC:

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State Officer Candidate Contract

State Officer Candidate

By Signing below, I acknowledge the following statements:

- I will attend all official State Officer Team meetings and required state events including but not limited to those listed below. I understand that my failure to do so may result in removal or resignation from office.
 - State Leadership Conference – March 4-5, 2024 in Fremont
 - State Officer Orientation – March 17-18, 2024 (*Location TBD at SLC*)
 - SOLA (State Officer Leadership Academy) – May 28-31, 2024 in Ashland
 - National Conference – June 28-July 1, 2024 in Washington D.C.
 - State Officer Retreat – July/August 2024 (*dates will be selected by the team at SOLA*)
 - Fall Events – September/October/November 2024 (*specific location(s) will be assigned at SOLA*)
 - Winter Planning – January/ February 2025 (*dates will be selected by the team at SOLA*)
 - CTSO Legislative Day – February 3-4, 2025 in Lincoln (*tentative*)
 - State Leadership Conference – March 2025 (*date/location TBD*)
- I have read and met all of the qualifications for State Office.
- If elected, I agree that it is my responsibility to perform to the best of my ability and to place this obligation above other school co-curricular and extracurricular activities, keeping in mind that I must maintain a satisfactory scholastic average.

Candidate Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian

This student is applying to be a Nebraska Educators Rising State Officer. It is an honor and a great responsibility for a student to be a State Officer. Being a State Officer will require your support financially, emotionally, physical, and in general, total parental backing.

Our child has our permission to become an Educators Rising State Officer Candidate. If elected, we shall cooperate in every way to ensure they attend the above meetings and fulfill their officer responsibilities.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Teacher Leader

As a teacher leader, I believe the candidate has the qualifications for the officer this member is seeking. If elected I will assist in all assigned duties and attend all meetings as requested.

Teacher Leader Signature

Date

School Administrator

The school administration gives approval for the above State Officer Candidate, and if elected, we pledge our support.

Administrator Signature

Date

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State Officer Candidate Code of Conduct/Procedures Code

The Nebraska Career & Technical Student Organization requires each state officer candidate to read and complete this form and return to the state office as partial completion of their state office application process.

1. Appropriate dress or businesslike attire will be expected. Official dress or uniform will be worn at all state approved activities, meetings, or conferences.
2. There shall be no defacing of property. Any damages to any property or furnishing in hotel rooms, meeting rooms, or conference locations must be paid by the individual responsible and may subject the individual to criminal prosecution.
3. State Officers shall keep their State Advisor informed of their official activities and whereabouts at all times.
4. State Officers shall be prompt and prepared for all official activities.
5. State Officers must be in their sleeping rooms and quiet at curfew. Curfew will be established by the State Advisor.
6. No alcoholic beverages or narcotics in any form shall be possessed at any time, under any circumstances, while representing the local school and Career & Technical Student Organization. Possession of such substance may subject the individual to criminal prosecution.
7. No use of tobacco products (including e-cigarettes and/or vaping) in public will be permitted while a delegate is representing his/her local school and Career & Technical School Organization.
8. State Officers are required to attend all assigned activities such as conference, district events, State Officer meetings, etc. If a State Officer cannot fulfill an assignment, the State Advisor should be notified immediately.
9. Identification badges will be worn at all times while serving in official capacity as a State Officer
10. Male and female officers may not be in the same sleeping room unless the door is open or an advisor/sponsor is present in the room.
11. Conduct not conducive to an education conference will not be allowed. Such conduct includes actions disrupting a businesslike atmosphere associated with non-conference individuals or activities which endanger self/others.
12. State Officers are directly responsible to the State Advisor. A State Officer will also work closely with his/her chapter advisor in activities and assignments.
13. Education always takes precedence. State Officers must plan accordingly so that problems do not occur. Official travel by a Nebraska State Officer must have approval from the State Advisor and may require chapter advisor and parent/guardian approval.
14. When expenses are paid by the state organization, reimbursement will be made directly to the State Officer after submission of an expense reimbursement sheet.
15. State Officer candidates must demonstrate appropriate social media use on all platforms.

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PROCEDURES

1. The State Officer shall be responsible to the State Advisor while serving in the capacity of a State Officer.
2. Officers violating the conduct code will be dealt with by the State Advisor in cooperation with the local advisor and local school administration and the policy making body for the Career & Technical Student Organization. The officers may be sent home at their own expense and/or removed from office.

I have read and fully understand the Nebraska Educators Rising Code of Conduct and agree to comply with the guidelines. Furthermore, I am aware of the consequences that will result from violation of any of the above guidelines.

Candidate Signature

Date

We have read and fully understand the Nebraska Educators Rising Code of Conduct and agree to hold the candidate accountable to the guidelines.

Teacher Leader Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date