

The Mercer Public Library seeks to add a Student Representative to its Board of Trustees. The intention of this position is to gain insight into a population of our community not currently represented on our Board, to advance the Library's goals of community engagement, and to foster leadership experience in serving on a governing board in our community youth.

The purpose of the Student Representative position is:

- To serve as a non-voting member of the Mercer Public Library Board of Trustees.
- To provide insight to and support the governing body of the Mercer Public Library.
- To foster a strong relationship between the Mercer Public Library and the youth in the community.
- To advocate for the Mercer Public Library.
- To represent the interests of the community and offer diverse input into the development and direction of the Mercer Public Library.
- To encourage an engaged and involved citizenry in the Mercer Public Library.
- To gain experience as to the duties and responsibilities of serving on a volunteer board.

The term of office for the Student Representative is:

- To be a student enrolled in the 9th grade or above among Iron County residents.
- To remain in their position and may reapply to continue serving until either their graduation or exit from enrollment in an Iron County school.
- Preference will be given to Mercer residents and/or students enrolled in the Mercer School District
- Any vacancy will be filled with a newly recruited student who fits the criteria and qualifications.

The qualifications for the Student Representative are:

- To have an interest in the process of governing by a Board of Trustees.
- To have a willingness and desire to actively participate in the decision-making process.
- To convey the opinions of themselves and those of the student population to the Board of Trustees and share relevant actions with members of the community's youth.
- To be in proper academic standing to participate in student activities as determined by the school in which they are enrolled and must maintain good standing during the duration of their term.
- To adhere to relevant student behavior codes as outlined by the school in which they are enrolled.

The responsibilities of the Student Representative are:

- To adhere to all rules and regulations pertaining to Board members.
- To notify the Library Director if they cannot attend a scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees.
- To conduct themselves appropriately, including in dress and behavior.
- To attend special meetings if requested.
- To review the Board of Trustees meeting packet and all reading materials prior to all meetings.
- To participate in discussions at regular, open meetings of the Board when applicable, but may not make any motions or vote.

The Student Representative shall serve at the discretion of the Mercer Public Library Board of Trustees and shall be removed for the following reasons:

- Failure to fulfill their duties, failure to maintain academic standing, failure to behave appropriately during meetings of the Board of Trustees or behaving in a manner that negatively reflects on the Mercer Public Library, failure to regularly attend meetings of the Library Board of Trustees

The mission of the Mercer Public Library is to provide quality materials and services that fulfill educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the entire community in an atmosphere that is welcoming, respectful, and professional.