

National LEAD Conference

Delegate Application • Washington, D.C. • 2027

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER

This trip is a suggested opportunity only. Submitting an application, or being selected as a delegate, does not mean that Central High School Student Council will actually attend the 2027 National LEAD Conference. Attendance depends on fundraising results, school and district approval, travel arrangements, and adviser availability. Dates, costs, and plans are estimates and may change.

Conference Overview

Conference	2027 National LEAD Conference (NASC / NHS)
Conference dates	Friday, February 26 – Sunday, February 28, 2027
Travel dates	Leave Thursday, February 25, 2027 • Return Sunday, February 28, 2027
Location	Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, D.C. 20009
Delegates selected	12 students will be chosen
Estimated cost	\$1,500 per student (airfare, conference registration, and hotel)
Application due	Monday, November 2, 2026
Return application to	Mr. Mays, Room D219

The conference brings together 2,000+ student leaders and advisers from across the country for keynote speakers, workshops, and networking. Twelve (12) students will be chosen as delegates. Please answer every question in complete sentences. Applications are reviewed on thoughtfulness, honesty, and Student Council involvement, not length.

Applicant Information

1. Name	
Grade (current year)	
Student email	
Council position / committee	
Years on Student Council	

Application Questions

Question 1 (Name) is answered in the table above. Type or write your answers in the boxes below.

2. Share a little bit about your leadership skills. What are your strengths and what are your weaknesses?

3. What is your favorite thing about serving on the Central High School Student Council?

4. What have you learned while serving on the Student Council?

5. What would you like to learn more about during the current Student Council term?

6. Share about your engagement in Student Council work (committees, workgroups, retreats, tours, activities, projects). Please explain why you feel this extra work is or is not important.

7. Why would you like to attend the National LEAD Conference in Washington, D.C.? What are you hoping to learn or bring back to Central High School?

8. Why do you feel you should be selected as a National LEAD Conference delegate?

9. If you were selected as a representative for the conference, how would you plan to share information with the rest of the Student Council and our community?

10. Are you willing to commit to the full 4-day trip (February 25-28, 2027)? How would you prepare for the trip? What planning steps would you take with employers, family, or school?

11. If fundraising goals are not met, are you able to help pay for your trip, whether that is food while attending the conference, the conference registration fee, airfare, or hotel? The estimated total (airfare, registration fee, and hotel) is \$1,500 per student.

Commitment and Signatures

Student agreement. I have read this application and the disclaimer above. I understand that, if selected, I am expected to:

- Attend the full trip (February 25–28, 2027) and all conference sessions, and follow all school and conference conduct rules.
- Complete make-up work and planning steps for the school days I will miss.
- Take part in fundraising activities leading up to the trip.
- Report back to the Student Council and the school community after the conference.
- Help cover my share of costs if fundraising goals are not met, as described in Question 11.

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/guardian agreement. I give permission for my student to apply. I understand that the trip is not guaranteed, that the estimated cost is \$1,500, that a shortfall may need to be covered by the family, and that I will be asked to complete a travel permission and medical release form if my student is selected.

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

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Date received	
Decision	☐ Selected ☐ Not selected ☐ Alternate
Adviser signature	