





SENATOR MARTY FLYNN'S STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

Academic Year 2025-2026

he mission of the Student Ambassador Program is to offer local students the opportunity to learn about the Pennsylvania legislature and state government, experience the value of diversity by working with students from other schools and backgrounds, and to represent their personal and community's interests by proposing legislation to Senator Flynn and their local State Representatives.

Senator Flynn's Student Ambassador Program is open to high school seniors and juniors from all of the high schools in the 22nd Senatorial district. The following application will be used to select eligible students to participate in the program.

If selected, students will be expected to attend meetings once a month from November through April. Each month, students will learn about an aspect of state government and lawmaking through presentations and discussions with local and state elected officials, legislative staffers, and individuals that influence lawmaking in Pennsylvania. Student Ambassadors will take a field trip to the State Capitol building in Harrisburg, PA in April to tour the building, observe legislative session, and be introduced by Senator Flynn on the Senate Floor. Throughout the entirety of the program, students will work in small groups to create a piece of legislation that they will then present to Senator Flynn during the last program session meeting in March.

Meals will be provided during the scheduled sessions. Signed release and medical forms are required for participation. <u>All meetings are mandatory.</u>

Program Objectives

- Empower high school students interested in public service to use their voices and make a difference in their communities.
- Educate students about the lawmaking process in Pennsylvania and the dynamics of the Pennsylvania legislature.
- Provide opportunities for a diverse group of students to interact with each other and with local and state elected officials.

Program Logistics

Program sessions will be held at Lackawanna College in Scranton, PA. Transportation and parking are the responsibilities of the participant, except for the group field trip to Harrisburg.

Breakfast will be provided at every program session, and breakfast and lunch will be provided when the students travel to Harrisburg.

Senator Flynn's High School Student Ambassador Program will meet monthly from November 2025 through March 2026. If accepted, students will receive a detailed schedule of meeting dates and agendas. Program days typically begin at 9 a.m. and end by 1 p.m.; however, the field trip in April is a full-day commitment. Schools have been notified of this program and are encouraged to excuses absences related to attendance in the Student Ambassador Program.



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Student Eligibility

Seniors and juniors from Abington Heights, Dunmore, Holy Cross, Holy Redeemer, Lackawanna Trail, Lakeland, Mid Valley, Scranton and West Scranton, Scranton Prep, Old Forge, Pittston Area, Riverside, Wilkes-Barre Area, and Wyoming Area students of the 22nd Senatorial district are eligible to apply.

Application Process

Complete the enclosed application and permission forms. Completed applications should be emailed to D22SAP@pasenate.com or dropped off at 409 North Main Avenue, Scranton, PA 18504. The application deadline is Friday, October 31, 2025 by 5:00 p.m. Late applications will not be accepted.

Selection Process

Potential candidates should have an expressed interest in public service, a commitment to participating in the program, and a demonstrated or potential interest in lawmaking and government. Selected students will be notified via email by the first week of November.

All questions about the application process or program should be directed to <u>D22SAP@pasenate.com</u>.

Tentative Program Schedule

■ October 2025

- Wednesday, October 1st. Application period opens.
- Friday, October 31st, Application period ends.

■ November 2025

- First week of November: All students will be notified of selection status.
- Thursday, November 20th: First meeting.

■ December 2025

Thursday, December 18th: Second meeting.

■ **January 2026**

Date to be announced: Program session

■ Febuary 2026

Date to be announced: Program session

■ March 2026

Date to be announced: Program session

■ April 2026

Date to be announced: Field trip to the State Capitol in Harrisburg, PA

