2018 – 2019 Government Relations Council Application

To complete your application, follow these steps:

1. Fill out the information on this form
2. Attach a current resume, and any other documents you feel would aid in your selection
3. Write a one-page brief on a bill of your choice from the 2018 Utah Legislative session

Applications due by Friday, April 13th, 4:00 PM in TSC 326

Name: _______________________________ Class Rank: __________________________

Political Party Affiliation: Democrat __ Republican __ Independent __ Other __________

Cumulative GPA: __________ Email: ________________________________

Twitter Handle: ___________________________ Phone #: __________________________

Major(s): ______________________________ Minor(s): __________________________

A-Number: ______________________________ Shirt size: ________________________

Question Portion:

Please answer the following questions (attach your answers on a separate sheet):

1. Please describe your political/government/civic involvement experience on campus and in the community:

2. What involvement/leadership experience do you have with USU on-campus organizations? How does this experience make you qualified to become a member of GRC?

3. What student issues would you like to see the GRC focus on this year? How do you think we can address these issues?

4. What skills would you bring to the table as a member of GRC?

If you are applying for GRC Director, answer these questions in addition:

5. What makes you qualified to assist in running the day-to-day operations of the GRC?

6. Please outline your experience in working specifically with legislators, local officials, and/or university administration.
GRC Positions

Mark an “X” next to any positions on the council you would like to be considered for:

Government Relations Council Director ($300 stipend) 

- Works very closely with the Student Advocate VP in outlining GRC’s action plan for the 2018-19 school year, and will have say in the selection process of council members.
- Is responsible for coordinating meeting agendas, assisting chairs in organizing lobbying efforts, and most importantly, scheduling and executing GRC events.
- The GRC Director will lead the effort to secure the 2018 Lt. Governor’s Campus Cup.
- This position is accompanied by a $300 stipend, so you will be held to a higher standard of accountability than other members of the council.

The GRC Director has a much higher time commitment attached to it than other positions. Please only apply for this position if you can make it a priority.

Public Relations Director: 

- Is responsible for the branding and outreach of GRC
- The PR Director will have access to all GRC social media accounts and will be asked to update them regularly
- Responsible for updating the current GRC website
- Will submit design requests to the USUSA Public Relations Office to advertise GRC events
- Will aid in the writing of letters/emails/other forms of official communication with government and university officials
- Meets before weekly meetings with other GRC leadership

Local Lobbying Chair: 

- Tasked with keeping close communication with the Logan City Council and Mayor’s office
- Required to attend at least one city council meeting per month
- Assists the Student Advocate VP in addressing and lobbying for local issues such as zoning and parking
- Meets before weekly meetings with other GRC leadership

State Lobbying Chair: 

- Tasked with communicating with State Legislators throughout the school year
• Assists the Student Advocate VP in organizing lobbying efforts during the legislative session
• Assists in organizing Aggie Ice Cream Day
• Asked to train GRC members on effective lobbying techniques
• Meets before weekly meetings with other GRC leadership

Administrative Assistant: _________
• Takes minutes/notes at all GRC meetings
• Is responsible for producing and distributing meeting agendas
• Tasked with facilitating communication between members of GRC
• Meets before weekly meetings with other GRC leadership

Council Member: ________
• Required to attend weekly meetings **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the TSC Senate Chambers**
• Assists and support all GRC-sponsored events

By signing below, you agree to comply with all requirements outlined above (Most importantly, required attendance at our weekly meetings every Wednesday @ 7:00pm). You also acknowledge that repeated violation of these requirements can result in removal from any position you are given, or from membership on the council.

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Applicant Signature

Thank you for your interest in the Government Relations Council! I am very much looking forward to next year. Once your application is submitted, you should receive an email shortly thereafter to sign up for a scheduled interview with me. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the application process.

Regards,

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