



# *the* CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT LEADERS

2021 OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AWARD

The Outstanding Leadership Program Award (OLPA) is a distinguished honor presented to schools whose student leadership programs are proven spaces where student leaders grow as ethical, responsible, and servant-minded architects of change. All CADA/CASL member schools are invited to apply for the award by preparing a self-study using the guidelines on the following page. Applicant schools must attend the CASL State Conference or CADA Camps in order to display statewide engagement and complete their eligibility for the award.

Applications must be received by 9 AM on February 8th, 2021 for consideration by the CASL State Board. In order to allow time for all applications to be reviewed and showcased at the CADA Convention, and in fairness to all the applicants, late applications will not be accepted.

Principals and Advisors of schools selected for this honor will be notified by digital mail, and one student representative from each selected school will be recognized at the CASL State Conference. Schools honored with the Outstanding Leadership Program Award will also be recognized at the CADA State Convention, in the Spring Edition of the CADA/CASL Newsletter, and on the CASL website.

## ***COVID-19 Official Statement***

Our organization's top priority continues to be the well being and safety of our delegates.

During the past seven months, the CASL organization has been creating curriculum, training, and events to aid the students of California. We have gained the knowledge and resources to be as versatile and prepared for the 2021 CASL State Conference. Being a CADA/CASL Member School is still a required prerequisite if a delegation is planning on applying for this award. Throughout this guidebook, important information will be provided to delegations applying for the OLPA. We are ready and eager to serve all of you. With many leadership organizations having shifted how their organization is run, and how they serve their student leaders, our OLPA requirements have also changed. This year, we hope to learn how organizations have continued to serve the student leaders of California in a virtual setting. We understand the changes and struggles schools faced during this pandemic and have changed the questions to reflect those changes.



# ***OLPA Application***



The mission of the California Association of Student Leaders (CASL) as a student-led, not-for-profit organization is to provide a statewide network that facilitates the development of ethical, responsible, and servant leaders. CASL's initiative is to equip and empower students to be effective future leaders of the world through local, regional, and statewide conferences. This year, CASL is offering a video component for the second and third sections of this award to allow organizations to use multiple mediums to complete this award.

Schools wishing to be considered for the Outstanding Leadership Program Award must submit their OLPA application to the Paperform link by February 8th, 2021 at 9 AM:

1. School Information:

- A. School Name & Address
- B. School Phone Number
- C. Principal's Name & Email
- D. Overseeing Adult's Name & Email
- E. Student Representative's Name & Email

2. Goals for the 2020-2021 School Year.

3. Create a description of how the school's leadership program meets each of the eleven landmarks on the CADA/CASL Road Map to Improved School Climate and Culture. When answering the questions, consider how your student leaders have adapted to this virtual setting and COVID-19:

- A. Adapted Normal Activities and Events Virtually
- B. During COVID-19, How Did You Provide Resources to Underprivileged Families and Students
- C. Training Student Leaders
- D. Unite Campus Through All the Adversities
- E. Address and Support Students and Staff Struggling with Mental Health
- F. Cultivate a Community of Inclusivity
- G. Encourage a Culture of Service
- H. Honor Diversity
- I. Communicate Clearly
- J. Address Student Concerns
- K. Worked Toward Creating Equity on Campus



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4. A one-page explanation of how the student leaders support the CASL Mission Statement (see Application Information Page) including your school's participation and representation at the local, state, and national levels.
5. A letter from a student leader explaining how leaders serve the whole student body and school community.
6. A letter from the Principal explaining how student leaders positively affect the climate on campus.
7. A letter from any currently enrolled student explaining how the school's student leaders have adapted to support all students in a virtual climate.
8. Additional items reflective of student leaders' excellence may be included, however, will not be considered as a part of the evaluation.

# ***Application Due 2/08/21***

## ***at 9AM***



All application components must be received by this deadline to be considered for the award.

To be fair to all applicants, the website to apply will be closed at 9 AM sharp. We highly recommend you do not wait until the last minute to submit your application, in case you have any technical problems. Applicants will receive confirmation of submission by email.

**HERE IS THE LINK TO THE APPLICATION:**  
**[OLPA Application](#)**



# Questions?

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