The official logo of the University of Vermont Student Government Association (SGA). It is a circle with three rings in descending size. The outer ring is a rope, the middle ring contains the words 'STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT', and the final ring has a large, green 'V' in the middle with the year SGA was established in (1942).


Application For

Student Trustee

University of Vermont and  
State Agricultural College

*2024-2025*

* ***The contents of this document are confidential after submission -***

Thank you for your interest in the position of the Student Trustee, a full-voting member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Vermont and State Agriculture College. The University of Vermont Board of Trustees has full legal responsibility and authority for the University of Vermont, including the management and control of property and affairs; the setting and approval of policies, budgets and strategic planning; and the appointment of the President. A Student Trustee has full voting rights, and serves a two-year term.

**It is important to note that the Student Trustee must do what is best for the institution as a whole, not necessarily solely what is best for students. You must take a comprehensive, multi-factorial approach to the work that is undertaken by the Board.**

Below are important details regarding your application to this role. Please read them thoroughly and carefully.

Good luck with you application and please reach out if you have any questions regarding the role of the Student Trustee or the application process to **Mahder Teferra (**[**Mahder.Teferra@uvm.edu**](mailto:Mahder.Teferra@uvm.edu))

Sincerely,

**Mahder Teferra** (Mahder.Teferra@uvm.edu)

President, Student Government Association (SGA)

Chair, The Associated Directors for the Appointment of The University of Vermont and State Agricultural College Student Trustees, Inc.

**\*The Student Trustee Selection process follows Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action guidelines. Applicants will be selected without regard to unlawful criteria including race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, place of birth, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, positive HIV-related blood test results, genetic information, gender identity or expression, or status as a disabled veteran, recently separated veteran, active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran, or Armed Forces service medal veteran (collectively “protected veterans”), or crime victim status, as these terms are defined under applicable law, or any other factor or characteristic protected by law.\***

**IMPORTANT - Please Note:**

1. This application is strictly confidential. Only members of the Student Trustee Selection Committee will have access to your application once submitted.
2. You may submit any other information or supporting documents that you believe may aid your candidacy or is relevant to your application.
3. You may be asked to provide additional information.
4. Please follow all written instructions and type within Sections II and III of this application.
5. References may not be solicited by any member of or advisor to the Student Trustee Selection Committee.
6. There are four mandatory information files. File #1 is a PowerPoint presentation and Files #2, #3, and #4 are video recordings of Board of Trustee information sessions. All four must be requested from **Mahder Teferra (**[**Mahder.Teferra@uvm.edu**](mailto:Mahder.Teferra@uvm.edu)**)** by **January 3, 2025 at 5:00 PM EST**. They will be sent via UVM’s File Transfer Service. If an applicant does not request and download these files, their application will be **considered incomplete and will not be reviewed**. It is expected that every applicant review all the files to qualify as a candidate for this role.

Please submit your application and reference letters **no later than January 6, 2025 by 12:00 PM EST**, PDF format preferred,to **Mahder Teferra (**[**Mahder.Teferra@uvm.edu**](mailto:Mahder.Teferra@uvm.edu)**)** Chair, The Associated Directors for the Appointment of The University of Vermont and State Agricultural College Student Trustees, Inc.

**SECTION I. Personal Information**

Name:

Pronouns:

Email:

Phone Number:

Local Address:

Permanent Address:

Will you be at least 18 years of age by March 1, 2025?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? (if yes, please explain)

[ ] Yes [ ] No

Have you ever appeared before a hearing officer or board for disciplinary action while at college?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

**SECTION II. Educational Experience**

Student Type: [ ] Medical [ ] Graduate [ ] Undergraduate:

College/school (i.e., Arts and Science, Medical):

Degree working towards/Major:

Anticipated Month and Year of Graduation:

Minor(s) if applicable:

Number of semesters enrolled at UVM (including in-progress):

***For the following, please fill out the section corresponding to your Student Type:***

Graduate/Undergraduate:

Cumulative GPA (at UVM):

Medical/Graduate:

Have you received a Pass in all coursework (If no, please explain)

[ ] Yes [ ] No, because:

Additional Educational Experience:

**Institution #1:** Degree/Certificate Earned:

Minor(s) if applicable: Year: GPA: Graduated? [ ] Yes [ ] No

**Institution #2**: Degree/Certificate Earned:

Minor(s) if applicable: Year: GPA: Graduated? [ ] Yes [ ] No

**Institution #3**: Degree/Certificate Earned:

Minor(s) if applicable: Year: GPA: Graduated? [ ] Yes [ ] No

**Certification**

“I do hereby certify that I am a full-time student at the University of Vermont and the information in this application is accurate and I allow the Student Trustee Selection Committee to access my University academic and judicial records.”

Signature: Date:

**SECTION III. Questions**

1. **Please respond to questions below in fewer than 300 words per question.** 
   1. From your perspective, what is the role of a Student Trustee?
   2. Why does becoming a Trustee matter to you?
   3. Describe a personal leadership experience. How did you change as a leader?
   4. University Trustees often must make difficult decisions. Illustrate your process of decision-making, particularly for difficult decisions.
   5. UVM’s ‘Our Common Ground’ values include: Respect, Integrity, Innovation, Openness, Justice, and Responsibility. How do you connect with these values, what do they mean to you, and how would you incorporate these values in your time as a Trustee?
2. **List 3-5 important issues that will impact the UVM community in the next two years. Please elaborate on each of these issues. (600 words or less)**
3. **Please attach a Resume / CV**

**SECTION IV. References**

Please provide **two references** in the form of a letter of recommendation from two of the following three categories.

1) Any non-relative, Academic Reference (Professor/Teacher/Academic Mentor/Faculty).

2)  Any non-relative, General UVM Reference (Staff/ Peer/Non-academic).

3)  Any non-relative, person of choice.

Supplying two names of references below is mandatory but should the letter not arrive by the **January 6, 2025 deadline**, your application will still be considered.

Please have each of your references email their letters of recommendation in PDF format NO LATER than **January 6, 2025 at 12:00 PM EST** to **Mahder Teferra (**[**Mahder.Teferra@uvm.edu**](mailto:Mahder.Teferra@uvm.edu) **)**

* **Reference #1**
  + Name:
  + Relationship:
  + Title/Role:

* + Email:
  + Phone Number:
* **Reference #2**
  + Name:
  + Relationship:
  + Title/Role:

* + Email:
  + Phone Number:

Below are some prompts to guide letters of recommendation:

1. Describe your relationship with the student. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. What is the student’s potential to contribute to the leadership of the University of Vermont Board of Trustees?
3. Please consider some of the following skills of the student to address: critical thinking, integrity, judgement, initiative/motivation, oral communication skills, written communication skills, and organization.

**FERPA Notice**:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (“FERPA”) provides applicants with the right to review the contents of Section IV (References) unless that right is waived.

**Please Sign and Date ONE of the Statements Below**

I hereby waive my right of access to Section IV (References). I understand that waiving my right means I will not be able to request access to or otherwise review the completed contents of Section IV (References) once submitted.

Applicant signature: Date:

I do not waive my right of access to Section IV (References). I understand that FERPA treats the completed contents of Section IV (References) as an educational record and that I may request access to it in the future.

Applicant signature: Date:

**END OF APPLICATION**