

State Officer Application

Deadline for all applications: **April 15, 2020**

Educators Rising Alaska will select up to five state officers to serve for the 2020-2021 school year. As a statewide organization, representation from around the state is vital and every effort will be made to select officers from various regions.

The primary responsibility for student officers of Educators Rising Alaska is as an ambassador for the organization and the future of the education profession. Effective state officers are articulate, self-motivated, conscientious students who are comfortable with public speaking and using social media to connect with members and education stakeholders.

State officers will have leadership opportunities to cultivate these skills and prepare for future growth. Specific roles and duties will be assigned after first training meeting and based on officer's talents and interests.

* 1. Eligibility Requirements: To apply for state office, you must:

- Be a member of Educators Rising National by signing up in the EdRising Virtual Campus at www.educatorsrising.org.
- Be a member of Educators Rising Alaska by having a current student application submitted to the portal at risingeducators.alaska.edu by your Teacher Leader.
- Be an active member of Educators Rising Alaska.
- Have a Google account for email, video conferences, and data sharing.
- Be available to travel for mandatory EdRising Alaska events to include but not limited to:
 - Officer Leadership Training, September 2020 in Anchorage, AK.
 - Educators Rising Alaska Conference and pre-conference prep, March 2021*Specific dates and locations tbd.*
Airfare and lodging will be provided by Educators Rising Alaska.

* 2. Name:

* 3. Phone:

* 4. Can we text to this number?

- Yes No

* 5. Email:

* 6. Home Address:

* 7. City/Community

* 8. Zipcode:

* 9. Parent/Guardian Name:

* 10. Parent/Guardian Email:

* 11. School Name:

* 12. School District:

* 13. Region:

- Far North
- Interior
- Southwest
- Southcentral
- Southeast

* 14. 2020-2021 School Grade

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* 15. Date of Birth (Month / Date / Year):

* 16. How many years have you participated in Ed Rising AK?

* 17. Teacher Leader name:

* 18. Teacher Leader email:

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State Officer Responsibilities and Contract 2020-2021

Your initials after each section indicate understanding and agreement to each responsibility.

* 19. **The Organization**

Your foremost responsibility as a State Officer is to represent all Educators Rising Alaska members throughout our organization. The entire organization will be judged by other people's impressions of you. Consequently, you must always be mindful of the image you project in appearance, speaking and manners. You are charged with the responsibility of projecting yourself as a professional student leader. You are charged with the responsibility of developing enthusiasm for EdRising Alaska. The growth of EdRising Alaska during your term of office will depend on the performance of your duties and impression you leave with people who are interested in our activities.

Applicant initials

* 20. **EdRising Members**

As a State Officer you have the challenge to provide guidance, leadership, and inspiration to all EdRising Alaska members. The example that you set will affect each member's enthusiasm, involvement and emotion toward EdRising. You must at all times exhibit the qualities of leadership that will contribute to the growth of EdRising. You will inspire leadership in direct proportion to the degree that you, as an individual, give leadership. You will instill in those you meet the desire for self-improvement and the attainment of higher goals.

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* 21. **Self and Family**

Remember, you have a responsibility to yourself and your family. Keep your parents informed of what you do as a State Officer. Their support and guidance is very important to your success as an officer. In selecting your personal priorities, keep in mind that EdRising does not take preference over your education; however, other extracurricular activities and your employment should not interfere with your participation in EdRising activities and meetings.

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* 22. **Other State Officers**

The other State Officers will act as a very important support group. Avoid forming cliques with a few of the other State Officers. There may be several officers you want to spend more time with but the success of the team depends on everyone "getting along" and working together. If there is a problem with another Officer, talk it out immediately. Small problems that aren't immediately resolved or taken care of can grow into larger problems. Respect all opinions. You are all leaders and often you will need to compromise for the good of the organization. After a decision is made, it is your responsibility to support that decision. Present a uniform front of togetherness. It is your duty to correspond with other members of your team as to the progress you are making and as to the activities undertaken.

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23. **Your Local Chapter/Region**

You will also be a representative of your local chapter/region. You will be expected to gather news from your chapter and region and share this news at State Officer meetings as well as relay information back from the statewide level. Be active in your local chapter activities and lead fund-raising efforts.

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* 24. **Your Teacher Leader**

It is extremely important that you keep your Teacher Leader informed of your activities at all times. Your Teacher Leader's encouragement and support is very important. Do not expect special privileges from your Teacher Leader because you are a State Officer. As a State Officer, you are required to complete at minimum one micro-credential during your term. This will take coordination with your Teacher Leader to complete.

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* 25. **EdRising Alaska Staff**

The EdRising Alaska Program Administrator and their staff will work to make your term as a State Officer a successful and rewarding experience for you and will assist your efforts whenever possible. They must know your capabilities as an individual to represent EdRising on any possible assignment. Keep them informed at all times. Send in all reports and requested information on time. Copies of all EdRising correspondence must be copied and sent to the Program Administrator. All correspondence is filed for future reference and for next year's Officers. Be on time to all meetings and activities. Call if you will be late or your plans change. The EdRising Alaska Program Administrator and their staff are here to assist you. Take advantage of their help.

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* 26. **Your Employer**

Request time off for EdRising activities as soon as possible. Keep employers informed of your EdRising activities. They will be supportive if they understand what you are doing. Dates of mandatory EdRising events have already been provided so that time off can be scheduled as far in advance as possible.

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* 27. **Your School Administration**

It is important to understand that you will miss several days of school to conduct EdRising business. It is your responsibility to discuss this with your school administrators prior to the school year in order to get approval for all of your potential absences.

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* 28. **Your Attendance**

In person attendance is mandatory at both the Officer Leadership Training in September 2020 and the Educators Rising Alaska Conference and Pre-Conference in March 2021 (time and location TBD). Only allowable excused absence will be for a personal or family emergency. This may mean having to forego extra-curricular activities, sports, vacations, and other events. There are only 2 in person events required this year, making them essential State Officer duties.

Virtual attendance is also required during various phone/video conferences with Program Administrator and EdRising Alaska Staff will be scheduled as needed.

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State Officer Application Checklist

* 29. To complete your application, please email the following to the Educators Rising Alaska office at uaf-edrisingak@alaska.edu **by April 15, 2020.**

- Completed State Office Application Form (10 pts, you just filled this out!)
- Completed State Officer Responsibilities and Contract Form (10 pts, you just filled this out, too)
- Essay** (30 pts): 250-400 word typed essay on why Educators Rising Alaska is needed. (Look at the EdRising [National mission and values](#) as a starting point). Must be in PDF format.
- Video** (30 pts): Up to 3 minute video of yourself speaking about why you aim to pursue a career in education. Video must include an introduction that states your name, school, and current grade. Must be in [mp4 format](#) and emailed by the deadline to uaf-edrisingak@alaska.edu with subject line as: "Officer Application Video"
- Letter of Recommendation** (10 pts): Letter must be from an adult who is not a relative or parent/guardian, and not from Teacher Leader or Administrator who signed the approval form. Attached **Letter of Recommendation Request Form** must accompany letter. [Download here.](#)
- Teacher Leader and Administrator Approval Form** (5 pts) Your EdRising Chapter Teacher Leader and School Principal must approve and support your officer responsibilities. [Download here.](#)
- Photo Consent and Release Agreement** (5 pts) As an officer your photos and videos taken through your term may be used in various media by Educators Rising Alaska under University of Alaska Fairbanks. [Download here.](#)