



STiFTY Board Application

Thank you for your interest in being on the STiFTY board! Your continued strive for excellence is what the youth program is all about here. Below, you will find the expectations outlined for the 2015 - 2016 year. Please return your application to Forrest no later than May 10, 2015.

General Information

- A STiFTY board member is a representative of STiFTY and of Shir Tikvah as a whole
- The six board positions work in concert to engage fellow young people at Shir Tikvah in fun and meaningful programming and events
- Terms begin in August and end in May, following a school calendar model
- Defining attributes include being: invested in Shir Tikvah life, a creative and innovative thinker, and positive

Additional Areas of Responsibility

- Do your best and accept other's bests
- Contribute to a community of inclusion by treating everyone with whom you interact *b'tzelem elohim* (in the image of G-d)
- Be willing to grow as a Jewish leader and help others do the same
- Attend all STiFTY board meetings and all STiFTY events
- Attend all NFTY Kallot during the year (Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring)
- Network with NFTY regional officers to enhance the experience of Shir Tikvah's young people

Qualifications

- Current student or alum of the schools of Shir Tikvah
- Active member of STiFTY
- Familiar with the goals and mission of Shir Tikvah

Core Duties

- President
 - own the STiFTY and STiFTY board visions for the year
 - work with the advisor to provide the structure needed to accomplish goals
- Programming Vice President
 - own the STiFTY programming to ensure it is interesting and engaging
 - work with the advisor to elevate the level of meaningful and fun activities
- Social Action Vice President
 - own the opportunities to involve STiFTYites in social justice
 - work with the advisor to make a meaningful impact on a cause during the year
- Religious and Cultural Vice President
 - own the spiritual experiences and religious elements at STiFTY programming or events
 - work with the advisor to engage peers in text study and prayer
- Membership Vice President
 - own the commitment to getting STiFTYites to feel welcomed and participatory
 - work with the advisor to introduce younger kids to STiFTY and JYG
- Communications Vice President
 - own the correspondence that goes out to STiFTYites, their families, and the congregation
 - work with the advisor to utilize best communications practices and strategies

Elections Process

- 1) Applicants familiarize themselves with this document, sign it, and turn it in to Forrest
- 2) Applicants complete their prompts, and turn it in to Forrest
- 3) Applicants schedule a 15-minute meeting with Forrest to discuss candidacy expectations
- 4) If one is approved, he/she has entered the pool of candidates. Forrest will provide the candidates with the final step of the elections process at this time
- 5) Candidates will be elected in gavel order: President, Programming Vice President, Social Action Vice President, Religious and Cultural Vice President, Membership Vice President, and Communications Vice President
- 6) Candidates for each position will give a one-minute speech and answer questions from the audience for one minute
- 7) After all candidates have shared their thoughts, all voters will fill out a ballot. Votes will be counted and winners announced

Prompts for Candidacy

In order to enter the running, every applicant must respond to two questions. Number 1 is required for all applicants. Number 2 is position-specific, and applicants should respond to whichever applies to them. There is no length requirement for either, but thought should be put into both. The quality of your answers will determine your candidate status. Bring your answers to your meeting with Forrest.

1) Required for all

-With weekly board meetings, monthly events, and the consistent need to plan or prepare for various projects, being on STiFTY board is a great commitment. How would you make sure that STiFTY remains a priority amongst the needs of your family, school, and other extra-curriculars?

2) Position-specific

-President: Being president is often abstract and requires a lot of vision. What is your vision for STiFTY for the year and what do you feel is your role on the board to help accomplish that vision? How would you work with your board to help them accomplish their goals?

-Programming: People come to STiFTY events for a variety of reasons. How would you make sure that people from so many different backgrounds and with so many different interests are engaged during our programming?

-Social Action: Social Action is an enormous field with a number of possible directions. How would you motivate people to engage in something that can be so tough to tackle?

-Religious and Cultural: STiFTYites turn to youth group for a special religious community. How would you make spirituality and spiritual experiences in STiFTY meaningful, unique, and memorable?

-Membership: Building relationships with current and potential members is key to youth group success. How would you build relationships with so many different types of people with the intent being to bring them to STiFTY events?

-Communications: Communication takes form in many ways. How would you make sure STiFTYites and families are in-the-know when there are so many different ways to get the information?

Voting Eligibility

- Any STiFTYite (8th grade - 12th grade) who has attended at least one STiFTY event this year is eligible to vote. Each voter gets one vote per position.

Please review the above and reverse side's expectations as a family. Your signature, and that of a parent or guardian, affirms your eligibility and willingness to be a board applicant. Please direct clarifying questions to Forrest.

Applicant: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____