

**IMPORTANT: Applicants may not begin their campaign until the President & Provincial Advisor have verified that they meet the requirements of the position(s) they seek candidacy for.**

1. Applications are due to the President, Kate MacLean, or Provincial Advisor, Dawn Thompson, **no later than May 7<sup>th</sup>**.
2. Candidates will then be asked to submit a small write up (**100 word maximum**) introducing themselves and why they wish to run for the position, to be used by the NSSSA for election promotion, with their application **no later than May 10<sup>th</sup>**.
3. Applicants will be notified of their application approval, once it has been verified that you meet the criteria outlined in the Nomination Package.
4. A meeting of all candidates and the current Provincial Cabinet will be held **Thursday night (May 16<sup>th</sup>)** of Provincial Conference, where the Provincial Cabinet will review the position descriptions, how Provincial Cabinet functions, and answer any questions about the position.
5. Applications may be removed by the candidate anytime leading up to this meeting, and immediately afterwards should they decide not to run for the position.
6. At the end of the meeting, candidates must receive a signature from a member currently holding the position for which they are running, or in the case of candidates for Regional Co-Premier – the Regional Advisor. As well, candidates for Presidency and Vice Presidencies must receive a signature from the Provincial Advisor.
7. Candidates who wish to continue running for a position following this meeting will then be placed on the ballot. Elections will take place following speeches on the respective nights.
  - a. Presidential Elections: Friday Night
  - b. Vice Presidential Elections: Saturday Morning
  - c. Co-Premier Elections: Saturday Night
8. All candidates must follow the campaign rules outlined below. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from elections.

YES	NO
<p style="text-align: center;">Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, twitter) All campaign content will be monitored and must be appropriate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Word of Mouth</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Do not start promotion until after your application has been verified.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Posters</b> (Including anything posted around the conference, residences, meal hall)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Promote Yourself! Your experience &amp; ideas you have to bring to the position</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prepare your Speech You will have a maximum of 4 minutes (Dependant on number of candidates)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Promotional Material</b> (Pamphlets, stickers, buttons, food, pens, etc.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No Negative Comments Against other Candidates</b> (Verbally or on Social Media)</p>

### Election Process

1. The President and the Provincial Advisor shall serve as the Chief Electoral Officers of elections. Should there be a conflict of interest, the Past President will replace the party with the conflict as a Chief Electoral Officer.
2. Candidates for the positions of President and Vice Presidents shall be elected by a Preferential Balloting system by all voting members of the NSSSA (Nova Scotia Secondary School Students) in attendance at the Provincial Conference. (Each student, not school, will receive one ballot).
3. The Regional Co-Premiers shall be elected by a Preferential Balloting system by all voting members of the NSSSA (Nova Scotia Secondary School Students), from their respective Region, in attendance at the Provincial Conference. (Each student, not school, will receive one [1] ballot)
4. A preferential vote ranks all of the candidates in order of preference – if there are 5 candidates, students will rank the candidates 1-5.
5. Unsuccessful candidates running for **Presidency**, or either **Vice Presidency**, may opt to run for **Co-Premier** without submitting a new nomination form should they meet the criteria outlined in the NSSSA By-Laws.

## **N.S.S.S.A. Provincial Cabinet Nomination Form (2023-2024)**

Must be in the hands of the President, and Provincial Advisor no later than  
May 7th, 2024

### **Position Descriptions**

#### **President**

To establish and maintain the Provincial Cabinet.

To oversee the members of the Provincial Cabinet.

To serve as the official spokesperson of the NSSSA.

To deal with matters concerning revision, interpretation and enforcement of the By-Laws.

#### **Vice President External/Vice President Internal**

To assist the President in establishing the Provincial Cabinet.

To assist all members of the Provincial Cabinet with the internal/external aspects of their positional duties.

**Internal:** To assist all members of the Provincial Cabinet with the internal aspects of their position.

**External:** To assist all members of the Provincial Cabinet with the external aspects of their position.

#### **Regional Premier**

To establish a Regional Cabinet to organize an annual Regional Leadership Conference.

## Criteria

### President

Nominees for the Presidency must be enrolled in a secondary school in Nova Scotia at the time they are elected.

Nominees for the Presidency must be living within a 500km radius of Halifax, Nova Scotia during their term in office.

Nominees for the Presidency must have served a term as a member of a Regional Cabinet or any NSSSA Provincial Committee.

### Vice President External/Vice President Internal

Nominees for the Vice-Presidencies must be enrolled in a secondary school in Nova Scotia at the time they are elected, and throughout their time in office.

Nominees for the Vice-Presidencies must have served one (1) full term as a member of a Regional Cabinet or any NSSSA Provincial Committee.

### Regional Co-Premier

Nominees for Regional Co-Premier must be enrolled in a secondary school in their region during the time they are elected, and during their term in office.

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**Please see the document “Campaign Rules” for details about what is /isn’t permitted for an NSSSA Campaign**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: / / School: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **Check** the Position(s) you are interested in running for:

**President**

**Vice President External**

**Vice President Internal**

**Regional Co-Premier**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby acknowledge that I meet the criteria outlined for the position I am running for.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**School Official who endorses proposed candidate:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Position in school: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you support this individual's candidacy? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of school official: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: This nomination must be received by Email or Mail to the President, Kate MacLean and Provincial Advisor, Dawn Thompson, by May 7th, 2024.**

### **Contact Information**

President, Kate MacLean- [Kate.MacLean@nsssa.ca](mailto:Kate.MacLean@nsssa.ca)

Provincial Advisor, Dawn Thompson-[Dawn.Thompson@nsssa.ca](mailto:Dawn.Thompson@nsssa.ca)

**Mail: (Suggested - Priority Post)**

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