



Orientation, New Student and Family Programs

Dear Temple University Family Members:

Parent & Family Programs is now accepting applications for the inaugural Temple Family Council.

The Temple Family Council will be a group of diverse, highly dedicated Temple family members who volunteer their time and knowledge to enhance the Temple student and family experience.

Specific objectives for the Temple Family Council are:

- Contribute to shaping the parent and family experience at Temple University.
- Foster communication between the University and Temple families.
- Provide strategic input to university administration regarding topics and issues of importance to parents and families.
- Provide programmatic support serving as volunteers, as needed, at events such as Parent & Family Orientation and Parent & Family Weekend.
- Provide mentorship for family members of first-year and/or transfer students.
- Serve as a regional representative of Temple in your area by acting as a contact person and building relationships with family members in your area.
- Write articles for the Parent & Family Experience Portal to offer the parent perspective for fellow Temple family members.
- Assist in fundraising efforts in support of Parent & Family Programs.

In the selection of membership to the council, consideration will be given to geographic and student academic year representation. The objective is to obtain representation that mirrors the diverse student population. All selected council members shall hold office for at least one academic year, however, they may remain on the council for the entirety of the time their student is at Temple.

Members are expected to attend two on-campus meetings each year, one of which will occur on Parent & Family Weekend and the other will occur in February or March of the spring semester. Attendance exceptions may be made for family members who live a long distance from Temple. The **tentative** date for the first Temple Family Council Meeting is Saturday, February 23. All new council members will be required to attend.

Council members will serve on one of three working committees (Communication & Education, Networking & Involvement, or Development). Committees will be determined after council members have been selected.

If you are interested in serving on the Temple Family Council, please complete the attached application packet. You can download it, type directly on the document, save it, and email it back to us or print it out, write on it, scan it, and email it back to us. **Deadline for submission of application: Sunday, December 2, 2018.** All questions as well as the completed application packet should be sent via email to: Elizabeth Harris, parents@temple.edu

Learn more about the Family Council here: <https://orientation.temple.edu/temple-family-council>

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Harris'.

Elizabeth Harris
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Coordinator, Parent & Family Programs



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Temple Family Council Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

Student(s) at Temple (Name, Major, & Year): _____

APPLICANT SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS:

List and describe any current or previous community and/or school activities in which you have been involved.

Discuss why you are interested in becoming a member of the Temple Family Council.

Please select the option below that relates best to the flexibility of your schedule:

1 – Very Flexible 2 – Fairly Flexible 3 – Average 4 – Fairly Busy 5 – Very Busy

What specific skills and/or qualities do you feel you can bring to the Temple Family Council?

List any innovative ideas you have to increase parent and family involvement in the Temple Community.

Writing Sample

Temple Family Council members will be required to write at least three articles for the Parent & Family Experience Portal each academic year that will be sent out to over 4,000 Temple family members. Therefore, we would like for all applicants to write a sample 250-450 word article on a topic of your choosing that would be sent out in December. There are a number of events/milestones going on during this time, here are some things to consider:

- December is half-way through the academic year.
- Freshmen students are seeing final grades for the first time.
- This will be the longest break that students have had since beginning in the fall.
- Seniors are beginning their job search.

In 250-450 words, please write your sample article below:

**Please return you application via email by Sunday, December 2, 2018 to:
Elizabeth Harris | Coordinator, Parent & Family Programs | parents@temple.edu**