

Student Representation

Each year, we seek student representatives on NLC's Education Council, Board of Governors, and Northern Lights College Students' Association (NLCSA). Student participation is key to how we receive feedback on programming and services. In addition to helping shape the college you attend, participating in one of the councils or on the board provides valuable insight into how to develop policy, run meetings, and lead organizations. Student representatives are elected positions. Elections are held in September or October following a nomination period.

Education Council

Education Council sets educational policies and curriculum at NLC. The council also advises the Board of Governors on other issues, including the criteria for awarding of certificates, diplomas, and degrees. The College and Institute Act legislates the need for an education council, including the requirement for student representation.

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors is empowered by the College and Institute Act of British Columbia to manage, administer, and direct the affairs of the institution. Under the act, the board makes bylaws for the orderly conduct of its affairs. As with council, the act requires student representation on the board.

Student Association

The Northern Lights College Students' Association hosts social, cultural, and recreational events for students. The NLCSA strives to represent students from all campuses through local campus Student Councils that organize activities on each campus. If you are interested in getting involved with student life on campus, this is a great place to start.

Elections

Elections are a two-step process. The first step towards representing students on the Board, Education Council, or the Students' Association, is to be nominated. The second step is being elected. Nomination requires completion of the nomination form, and submission to the appropriate electoral officer. Nominations open on September 2, 2025 at 12pm (noon), and the nomination form will be available [here](#) at that time.

Education Council and Board of Governors Nomination Eligibility

You are eligible to be nominated for both Council and Board if you are enrolled either full-time or part-time in a regular program taking a minimum of two courses.

More information about Education Council and Board of Governors nominations and elections can be found [here](#).

Student Association/local campus Student Council Nomination Eligibility

You are eligible if you are a student who is a member of the NLCSA and is a) enrolled in a continuous NLC program; and, b) have paid your Students' Association fee. All members of the association are eligible to vote in the election.

If you wish to participate in a local campus Student Council, different than your defined home campus, you must email a request that specifies your desire to change your Home Campus, for the purposes of students' association membership, to nlcsa@nlc.bc.ca