

I am writing to express my interest in being appointed as a senator at Bakersfield College. As a dedicated student with extensive leadership experience, I am eager to contribute to the continued growth and success of our student body and community.

My background includes serving as a SkillsUSA California State Officer, where I managed over 300 delegates and 45,000 members, representing our state at the National Convention. This role required strong organizational and planning skills, which I also applied as ROC/CTEC ASB President, overseeing committees, planning events, and implementing a budget. Additionally, my role as an instructor for the National Youth Leadership Training and as a junior lobbyist for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, where I helped secure \$2 billion in funding for diabetes research, has equipped me with the skills needed for effective advocacy and leadership. As the first youth elected as President of Kern County 4-H and an Eagle Scout, I have demonstrated my ability to lead and inspire others in various capacities.

Bakersfield College's student government serves a critical role in bridging the gap between the student body and the administration. It provides a platform for students to voice their opinions, advocate for their needs, and participate in decision-making processes that affect their educational experience. By fostering leadership and civic engagement, student government empowers students to take an active role in shaping their college community. It also helps cultivate a sense of belonging and responsibility, encouraging students to contribute positively to campus life.

In conclusion, I am confident that my skills, experiences, and dedication make me a strong candidate for the senator position. I am eager to bring my leadership capabilities and commitment to service to Bakersfield College's student government. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to further discuss how I can contribute to our college community.

Sincerely,

Elijah Lidgett