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Survey Highlights Student Government Salaries

At colleges and universities nationwide, some critics say student government leaders shouldn't be paid a dime of student-fee money. Others argue that top elected leaders who put in 40-plus-hour weeks and manage multimillion-dollar budgets deserve to be compensated. The first ever "Student Government Salary Survey," conducted by *Student Leader* magazine, offers answers to the student government pay debate.

The student body president at the University of Miami is the highest-compensated campus leader surveyed, receiving a \$19,140 annual tuition waiver. The student govern-

ment leader with the highest cash salary is the Associated Students president at Washington State University, who receives \$15,463 per year.

The magazine contacted campus leaders and administrators at 150 schools across the country to find the highest- and lowest-paid student body presidents and officers. The survey includes all types of public and private institutions. Seventy percent offer some sort of compensation, which often includes salaries, scholarships, free tuition, and class credits. The survey also revealed that many leaders also get perks such as reserved parking spaces, free concert tickets, and even plush apartments.

"Some students may wonder why student government leaders are getting paid, but the truth is, most campus leaders deserve financial remuneration," said Butch Oxendine, *Student Leader* publisher and editor-in-chief. Here are the highest-paid student government leaders in three categories of schools nationwide:

Public Colleges and Universities

1. Washington State University,

Associated Students president, \$15,643 salary.

2. Florida Atlantic University, Student Government president, \$13,121 salary and tuition.

3. San Diego State University, Student Government Association president, \$11,000 stipend.

Private Colleges and Universities

1. University of Miami (Florida), Student Government president, \$19,140 scholarship for tuition.

2. Gannon University (Pennsylvania), Student Government Association president, \$17,760 tuition waiver.

3. St. Louis University (Missouri), Student Government Association president, \$15,000 total tuition waiver.

Community Colleges

1. Morton College (Illinois), Student Senate president, \$1,900 tuition waiver.

2. Dekalb College (Georgia), Student Government Association president, \$1,800 stipend.

3. Southeast Community College (Nebraska), Student Senate president, \$1,300 tuition remission. ■



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