USA Member Application: Please submit with your letter of intent.

Contact Information:

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Class Standing: First Year

Desired Position: Department Senator

Application Questions (Please include answers in your letter of intent):

The letters of intent will be shared with the campus community. Please answer these questions in a 1 page single-spaced document, but do not limit yourself to just these questions. Please feel free to expand.

1. What past leadership experiences and qualities most prepare you for a role in USA?

2. What do you see as the role of USA in developing the students experience on our campus as well as the campus community?

3. What two committees would you like to join? Why? (Only applies to Senators)

4. What is one goal you have for your tenure in USA?

Please send this application, as well as a letter of intent, and any questions about the application process to the Director of Association Affairs Howard Haines: hahaines@syr.edu
To whomever this may concern,

As I pursue a degree in Sustainable Energy Management, I have found myself increasingly interested in becoming involved in a leadership program at SUNY ESF. Throughout high school, I assumed many leadership roles, mostly through Scouts BSA, in which I was Senior Patrol Leader for much of my scouting experience and attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and Order of the Arrow, in which I was the lodge Secretary, lodge Historian, and Head Elangomat and received the rank of Vigil Honor. These leadership positions have helped me to develop important leadership skills, such as servant leadership and proper delegation of responsibilities, and my scouting achievements have given me a greater appreciation of what it means to serve my community. My desire to serve my community is what caused me to apply for the position of Department Senator because I believe the responsibility of the USA is to create a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for the students of SUNY ESF.

The first committee that catches my eye is the Sustainabili-TEAM. I am sure this comes as a surprise to no one, however, since I am currently working toward a degree in SEM. Scouting, as well as a personal interest and investment in sustainable practices, has influenced my desire to learn about the concepts of sustainability, and I believe joining this committee will allow me to advance my understanding of sustainability and how the student body and faculty of SUNY ESF are working to apply these concepts to our campus. I would also like to join the Student Affairs & Involvement committee to become more involved in leadership opportunities and mental health advocacy, of which I am a strong proponent.

In my time at SUNY ESF, I would ultimately like to acquire three things: a degree that will enable me to pursue a career that works to make our world a better, brighter place through sustainable practices, the knowledge needed for me to be independently sufficient—both financially and socially—after I graduate, and leadership experience that will allow me to become an even greater, more responsible member of any communities I may find myself a part of in my future. I believe that joining the USA will grant me the opportunities and resources needed to enhance my leadership skills so that I may pass on my knowledge to the next sustainability-focused generation.

Thank you for your time,
Trevor Cole