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### **Junior Board of Directors**

Oconee State Bank's Junior Board of Directors program is an opportunity for students to learn about the business of banking while developing their own financial management skills. Students get to enrich their leadership abilities through interactions with peers, bankers and community members during the programs offered. We believe that by participating in the program, students will benefit in various ways including professional skill building, knowledge of careers in banking, shadowing opportunities with field experts that will in turn influence their personal careers as the make the transition from high school to college, technical school or into a trade.

# **Program Requirements:**

- Attend and participate in monthly meetings (excused absences should be communicated prior to events)
- Volunteer in at least one bank-sponsored event
- Represent Oconee State Bank as an ambassador in our community

### School System Selections:

Administration and staff of Oconee County High School, North Oconee High School, Athens Academy, Prince Avenue, and Westminster Academy make the selection for each year's Junior Board members. The chart below lists the number of representatives we ask from each school.

# of Representatives	School
2	Athens Academy
7	North Oconee High School
7	Oconee Co. High School
2	Prince Avenue Christian School
2	Westminster Christian Academy

<sup>\*</sup>Juniors or seniors maybe selected.

## Suggested Recommendations for Student Selections:

- Present themselves to public in respectful manner; outgoing personality with positive outlook
- Takes pride in achievement
- Conscientious
- Industrious high activity level
- They are ambassadors and represent the school in a professional manner
- Excellence in student performance
- Student may have an interest in finance, economics, accounting, business, customer service, financial planning, housing, money management.

FOREMOST requirement is candidates available to attend meetings once a month on a Saturday morning starting September and ending in April of the following year. The program agenda should be discussed with the candidates so they will know when the meetings are scheduled. We try to schedule around SAT tests and Spring/holiday breaks. Legitimate school conflicts are expected (sports, college visits, etc.), but they need to be able to make meetings to get the most out of this experience.

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