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- What position is a good fit for your strengths and interests?
- How might being part of student union benefit your experience in Scouting? Is taking part in school politics part of your personal progression?

Do:

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Review:

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- If you didn't win the election, what did you learn by running for office?
- If elected, what do you hope to accomplish in your role?
- How do the other students respond to the leadership of the student union?
- How would you measure your performance?
- What would you do differently in the future?

Safety note:

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