

## Example

**Prompt:** Describe how being a student council leader has helped you develop leadership skills that will assist in your college success. Provide precise examples of leadership qualities and skills that you have demonstrated during your time as student council leader.

*On a Sunday afternoon, after leading a retreat at church, one of my schoolmates suggested that I had the skills it would take to be a student council leader. He suggested that I ran for office. So, after days of convincing, I finally walked into the administration office and officially put forward my name as one of the contenders for the student council leader position.*

*I had formerly served as class president in the fifth and sixth grades. During that period, I learned a lot about the responsibilities and challenges of leadership. I also led my bible study group at church. Perhaps the experience of being the eldest of four siblings helped with my leadership skills. My reputation and experience helped me get elected.*

*During my first week as student council leader, I implemented the "eco-friendly initiative." We run campaigns around the school to promote eco-friendliness among the students, staff, and administration. This initiative led to the school winning its first award for eco-friendliness. My time as student council leader also helped me develop better communication skills. Learning how to communicate efficiently with students, other leaders, and the administration was difficult. I initially was challenged because of biases and the differences between these groups. After a lot of misunderstandings and challenges, I finally got around to it.*

*My time as a student council leader also helped me develop creativity and innovation. I often found myself in situations that required innovative ideas. For instance, in order to push the eco-friendly initiative, I had to come up with innovative ideas for eco-friendly practices like basketball-like recycling bins for the school's gym.*

*I also learned how to be a team leader. Besides leading the rest of the student body, I also had to be a leader of the other student leaders. I had to resolve issues between the leaders and create an environment that promoted growth and efficiency.*

*My time as the student council leader also included a lot of seminars and discussions on leadership. The school demands that all its leaders attend*

*leadership workshops. The workshops equip us with the necessary leadership skills. They also prepare us for the possible leadership challenges and possible ways to resolve them. Furthermore, I spent part of summer time attending an international leadership seminar. This time helped me look at leadership from a global scope through interactions with other leaders from different countries. I also learned a lot from the diverse speakers and implemented a lot of what I learned in my school.*

*As student council leader, I also faced some failures that taught me how to accept and move on after failure. I learned that failure is a normal part of leadership and an unavoidable one. So learning to pick myself up and lead my team through finding other resolutions after failure helped solidify our leadership. Furthermore, I learned how to accept and learn from correction. As student council leader, I had to answer to my teachers and the school administration. Sometimes, I faced a lot of reprimanding and corrections. I had to learn how to take them positively and not allow them to affect my objectivity and the quality of my leadership.*

*Student council leadership has offered me more than an opportunity to enjoy popularity and lead my fellow students. It has taught me responsibility, accountability, objectivity, and several other qualities that will come in handy in college. It has taught me to put other people's needs before my own, listen, and find solutions to issues. Now, as I prepare to enter college, I am confident in my leadership skills. I know signing up for a difficult and competitive major- Biochemistry is not easy. However, the perseverance I have learned from being a leader will come in handy.*