

Application Form for Student Regent: State of Texas

June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021

Background

In 2005, the Texas Legislature approved the position of non-voting student regent. In accordance with the provisions of the Education Code, Sections 51.355 and 51.356, each public university board of regents shall include one student member appointed by the governor. The chancellor of each university system and president of each independent public university shall “develop a uniform application form to be used by each general academic teaching institution and medical and dental unit in the university system to solicit applicants for the position of student regent.” This form is for those systems and independent public universities who wish to use a standard form in addition to the appointment application provided by the Office of the Governor.

Student Regent

The student regent is a non-voting participant on the board of regents representing the students of each Texas public university system or independent public university (a general academic teaching institution that is not a part of a university system). The student regent serves a one-year term commencing **June 1 and ending May 31 of the following year**. While technically not a member of the board of regents, a student regent does have the same powers and duties as the members of the board of regents, with the exception of voting, making or seconding motions, and being counted to determine a quorum.

To the best of their ability, the student regent represents the interests of the students, university system/university and the State of Texas. The student regents may serve on special commissions, task forces and committees during their term and are expected to participate in required regent activities, including orientation sessions conducted by the Office of the Governor and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Student regents will be required to abide by the laws of the State of Texas applicable to board service, including the state ethics laws. The student regent is encouraged to be involved with the student governments on each campus which they represent and to have a working relationship with faculty, staff and representative student organizations.

Student Regent Qualifications

To qualify, an individual must be enrolled and in good standing as an undergraduate or graduate student in one of the colleges or universities in The Texas State University System. The applicant must have earned a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average and must maintain this minimum performance level throughout his/her term. Please include an official transcript with the application. The president of the institution where the student is enrolled is required to notify the Governor if the student regent fails to maintain his/her qualifications. The Governor, in turn, will declare the position vacant and fill the vacancy as soon as practicable. A student regent is not eligible for reappointment. Preference will be given to applicants who are residents of the State of Texas and who have a general knowledge of the functions of the board of regents. Student regent applicants must have a strong desire to represent all university students within their respective system/institution.

Overview of the Role of the Boards of Regents

The governor of the State of Texas appoints regents for all public university systems, including The Texas State University System.

The boards of regents for the State of Texas are vested with the legal and corporate authority to ensure that the mission of the system/university is carried out, and in doing so, are accountable to the citizens of Texas. Members of the board of regents are appointed by the governor with staggered six-year terms. One student regent is appointed with a one-year term. Many boards of regents operate through standing committees and also subcommittees and special committees. The boards and their committees meet throughout the year.

The regents establish policy in areas such as personnel, campus development, student tuition and fees, admissions, and financial aid. The duties of the regents include overseeing the financial management of the system/university, its investments and property holdings as well as major appointments including the chancellors of the systems, presidents of the universities and other key personnel. The regents delegate a broad range of authority and responsibility to the system chancellor and university presidents.

Remuneration for Expenses

Although serving without compensation, a student regent is entitled to be reimbursed for expenses incurred for attendance at meetings of the board, its committees, other official university events and conferences where travel is approved for board members.

Timeline for The Texas State University System

The Student Government recommends up to five applicants for the position of student regent and submit all official documents (including an official transcript) to the president's office on each campus. (Note: At this stage, each applicant will have his/her academic, financial and disciplinary standing verified by the registrar and appropriate student services administrator as well as a criminal records check completed through the University Police. See the information on page 5 of this application.)

By January 10 The president of the campus will forward the recommendations to the Chancellor's Office. The official applications will be filed in the president's office and a copy of the complete file forwarded to The Texas State University System. All applications should be single sided documents, not double sided.

By January 17 From the materials received, the chancellor will select two or more applicants (unranked) to submit to the governor for his consideration.

On June 1 The governor appoints a student regent for a one-year term expiring the following May 31. (By statute, the governor may request to review all applications received by the student governments. Additionally, the governor is not required to appoint an applicant recommended by the chancellor.)

2020-2021 Student Regent Application Form

- Please print or type.
- Deliver in person or mail to the President's Office (**single sided originals only**)
- Application for the position of student regent to The Texas State University System is due to the Chancellor's Office on: **Friday, January 10, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.**
- Applications received after the deadline will not be eligible for consideration.
- This application may be subject to disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act. By signing this form, applicant waives any exemption from disclosure afforded by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 12 USC 1232g, with the exception of a Student Identification Number which will be confidential unless otherwise provided by FERPA.

All applicants must fill out this form and complete the required appointment application issued by the governor of Texas.

1. Name _____
2. University/Campus _____
3. Student Identification Number _____
4. Campus Mailing Address _____
5. Campus Telephone Number _____
6. Email Address _____
7. Are you a Texas resident? Yes No

Personal/Permanent Information if Different from Above (Winter/Summer Break contact):

8. Mailing Address _____
9. Telephone Number _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing and any attached statements are true, accurate and complete. I agree that any misstatement, misrepresentation or omission of a fact may result in my disqualification for appointment. I assign and hereby give The Texas State University System component college or university full authority to conduct background investigations pertinent to this application.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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The student applicant is in good standing and, to the best of my knowledge, has met all obligations to which he/she has committed to the university.

Office of the Dean of Students: __Yes __No Initials: _____ Date: _____

Office of the Registrar (verify GPA provided above): Initials: _____ Date: _____

Criminal Records Check Completed by Appropriate Official: Initials: _____ Date: _____

Educational Background

10. Please check your class standing for spring term 2020:
 Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate
11. Will you be enrolled as a student at this university continuously through the 2020-2021 academic year? Yes No *(See the information provided by Senate Bill 34 on the last two pages to determine if you qualify as being continuously enrolled through the academic year.)*
12. What is your Major? _____ Minor? _____
13. What is your intended degree and expected year of award? _____
14. What is your overall grade point average as of the latest completed semester?

15. To the best of your knowledge, are you in good standing at the present time with the university in all respects, with no delinquent financial obligations or pending disciplinary actions? Yes No
16. Have you been disciplined while attending this or any other institution of higher education for infractions of university policy? Yes No
17. List all colleges or universities you have attended with the dates you attended and any degrees you were awarded:

| Institution Attended | Dates Attended | Semester Credit Hours Completed | Degree Awarded |
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18. Provide references below (limit three). One of your references must be a faculty member of this system/university who is familiar with your academic work and/or extracurricular leadership. Please include these supporting documents with your application (may be submitted in sealed envelope).

| Name/Title | Relationship to Applicant | Email Address | Telephone Number |
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On additional paper, please respond to the questions below. Limit your response to each question to not more than 250 words. Finally, you may wish to include your resumé with this application (limit two pages).

19. Brief Essay: Explain your interest in serving on the board of regents of The Texas State University System and identify the issues you wish to address as a board member.
20. List participation in student activities and social organizations at this or other higher education campuses, including the approximate beginning month/year and ending month/year, noting where service as an officer applies.
21. List participation in civic and/or social organizations not affiliated with higher education, including the approximate beginning month/year and ending month/year, noting where service as an officer applies.
22. List any employment or other experiences that you deem to be significant.