

Application Form for Student Regent: State of Texas June 1, 2010-May 31, 2011

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 file an annual personal financial statement with the Texas Ethics Commission and 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 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. 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 to be 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 4** 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.
- By February 1** 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.)

Applicants are required to complete all of the questions on the application form. When the application is complete, submit the entire packet and attachments within the appropriate timeline to the address specified by your university (by mail or in person). Electronic or facsimile transmissions will not be accepted.

2010-2011 Student Regent Application Form

- Please print or type.
- Application for the position of student regent to the Texas State University System is due on: **(Monday, January 4, 2010, by 5:00 p.m.)**
- Deliver in person or mail to the President's Office (**originals only**)
- 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 2010:
 Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate
11. Will you be enrolled as a student at this university continuously through the 2010-2011 academic year? Yes No *(See the information provided by Senate Bill 34 on pages 13-14 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

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.



GOVERNOR RICK PERRY

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

1. Personal Information

Name		
Spouse's Name		
Home Address		
City, State Zip		
County	State Senator	State Representative
Home Telephone - -	Home Fax - -	Cellular - -
Work Telephone - -	Work Fax - -	E-Mail Address

2. Photograph

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3. Employment Information

Employer	Employer's Address	Present Job Title
		Profession
Present Job Description		

4. Gubernatorial Appointment(s) of Interest to You:

5. Education/Training

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School			
Undergraduate			
Graduate			
Other			
Name			

6. Military Service

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Branch	Dates of Service	Type of Discharge

7. Spouse Information **This Section Not Applicable**

Spouse's Employer	Job Title/Position
Does your spouse conduct any business with or before the Texas Legislature or any other state entity? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please list agencies:

8. Employment History

Employer	Position	Dates	Location

9. Professional Memberships

Organization	Title/Position	Organization	Title/Position

10. Volunteer Participation

Organization	Title/Position	Organization	Title/Position

11. References

Name	Employer	City	Telephone	Relationship
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12. Miscellaneous Information

Are you or your spouse related to a local, state, or federal public official? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Name of Official and Title	Relationship
Name	

12. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

Do you or your spouse have any material interest in, or are either of you employed by, any company that does business with or receives funds from the State of Texas? If yes, give full name and details:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name of Company	Details

Describe any litigation in which you or your spouse has been party or any litigation involving a company in which you or your spouse has a material interest.	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

Do you currently serve, or have you ever served, on any local, state or federal government board, commission or committee or in any elected or appointed office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Entity	Position	Dates	Compensated	Reimbursed

Are you or your spouse an officer, director, employee or paid consultant of a trade association? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Self
If yes, please list association and position:	Spouse

Have you or your spouse ever been registered as a lobbyist or received compensation to represent someone before a local, state, or federal government?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Self or Spouse	Entity Represented	Entity Lobbied	Dates

Have you ever been arrested? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Have you been convicted in a criminal proceeding or been named subject of any pending criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations)? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Have you filed federal income tax returns for the past five (5) years? If no, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name	

12. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

Are you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest currently delinquent in any local, state or federal taxes? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest or of which you have been an officer or principal been involved in any bankruptcy proceeding? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Have you ever defaulted on a personal, business or student loan? If yes, give details.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Type of Loan	Date	Details	

In the last five years, have you, or any company in which you have a material interest, been licensed by a Texas state agency? If yes, give details.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Type of License	License #	Expiration	

To the best of your knowledge, has any federal, state or local law enforcement or regulatory agency (on behalf of itself or any other person or entity) filed or investigated any grievance or complaint against you, your spouse, or an entity in which you have a material interest? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, dismissed, reprimanded)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Date	Details and Disposition	

To the best of your knowledge, have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest been investigated, reprimanded, fined or suspended from doing business with any state or federal agency? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, reprimanded, fined, suspended)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Date	Details and Disposition	

Have you ever been delinquent in child support payments? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

Has your driver license ever been suspended? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Section 13. Certification

Full Legal Name			
Date of Birth	/ / 19	Texas Driver License or DPS ID#	
Are you a U.S. Citizen?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Ethnicity: (Optional)			
<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> African-American	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		

Notes:

- Appointment to a Board or Commission may require the annual filing of a Personal Financial Statement (PFS) Form with the Texas Ethics Commission.
- A resume must be attached in order for this application to be considered complete.
- Judicial candidates must also complete a Judicial Questionnaire.
- Any information provided on this application or on an attachment may be subject to the Texas Public Information Act.

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

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 Office of the Governor full authority to conduct background investigations pertinent to this application. I specifically authorize the Texas Department of Public Safety to conduct a background investigation and to disclose the results of that investigation to the Governor or his authorized representative.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Submit to: Appointments Division
Office of Governor Rick Perry
PO Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

(512) 463-1828
(512) 475-2576 fax
www.governor.state.tx.us

Overview of Enabling Legislation

The following information is taken from the statute establishing the office of student regent. (This was established by Senate Bill 34 from the 79th Texas Legislature (Amended during the 80th Legislative Session: SB 276).

NONVOTING STUDENT REGENT; UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

- (a) In this section, "student government" means the representative student organization directly elected by the student body of a general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit.
- (b) The chancellor of each university system 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.
- (c) Except as provided by Subsection (f), not later than September 1 of each year, the student government of each general academic teaching institution and medical and dental unit in a university system shall solicit applicants for the position of student regent. Not later than December 14, from among the applications received by the student government, the student government shall select not more than five applicants as the student government's recommendations for the position of student regent and send those completed applications to the president which will be sent from that office to the chancellor of the university system. From among those applicants, the chancellor shall select two or more applicants as the university system's recommendations for the position of student regent and shall send the applications to the Governor not later than February 1. The Governor may request to review all applications for the position of student regent received by the student governments and may request to review information required to be removed from an application by a student government under this subsection. On June 1, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the governor shall appoint one of the applicants to serve as the student regent for the system for a one-year term expiring on the next May 31. The governor is not required to appoint an applicant recommended by the chancellor.
- (d) A student regent must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in a general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit in the university system at the time of appointment and throughout the student regent's term. For purposes of this subsection, a person is considered to be enrolled in an institution or unit for a summer term if the person was enrolled in the institution or unit for the preceding semester and:
 - (1) is registered or preregistered at the institution or unit for the following fall semester;
 - (2) if the person has not completed the person's degree program, is eligible to continue the degree program at the institution or unit in the following fall semester; or
 - (3) if the person completed a degree program in the preceding semester, is admitted to another degree program at the institution or unit for the following fall semester.

- (e) A student regent is not a member of the board of regents of the system for which the student regent is appointed. A student regent has the same powers and duties as the members of the board of regents of the system, including the right to attend and participate in meetings of the board of regents, except that the student regent:
 - (1) may not vote on any matter before the board or make or second any motion before the board; and
 - (2) is not counted in determining whether a quorum exists for a meeting of the board or in determining the outcome of any vote of the board.
- (f) The student government of the general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit at which a current student regent was enrolled at the time of the student regent's appointment may not solicit applicants for the position of student regent for the next regular term of the position.
- (g) A vacancy in the position of student regent for a university system shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the governor in consultation with the chancellor of the system.