

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Non-voting Student Representative

Background

Section 61.0225 of the Education Code authorizes the Governor to appoint a non-voting student representative to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (“Board”) for a term not to exceed one year beginning on June 1 and ending on May 31 the following calendar year. The student representative shall enjoy the same rights as a regularly appointed board member, except the right to vote or be counted towards a quorum for official board business. The student representative serves without compensation, however, shall be reimbursed by the Coordinating Board for expenses incurred during official board business.

Qualifications

For initial consideration, nominees must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in a public institution of higher education;
- Be in good academic standing as determined by the institution;
- Commit to fulfill all board related responsibilities during their term of service, to include attendance at no less than 3 of the 4 quarterly board meetings and 3 of the 4 board committee meetings; and
- Have a strong drive and self-motivation to contribute to the progress of higher education in Texas.

If appointed, the student representative must continue to meet the following criteria for the length of their term:

- Maintain a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
- Maintain enrollment at a public institution of higher education for duration of term; and
- Maintain a state-wide perspective on higher education (as opposed to representing any single college or university).

Key Deadlines

- **November 1:** deadline for student government at institutions to begin solicitation for nominees.
- **January 1:** deadline for student government at institutions to select no more than five applicants for recommendation to the chancellor of the system (if within a system) or president (if not within a system).
- **February 1:** deadline for the chancellor of the system (if within a system) or president (if not within a system) to nominate to the Governor no less than two applicants for appointment to

the Board. This deadline includes the submission (must be postmarked by this date) to the Governor's appointments Office and includes the following documents:

- [THECB Application](#)
 - [Governor's Appointment Application](#)
 - Resume
 - Unofficial Transcript
- **June 1:** deadline for the Governor to appoint a non-voting student representative to the Board for a one-year term expiring on May 31.

The chancellor or president (as indicated above) shall mail completed nomination packets to the **Governor's Appointment Office** at:

Regular Delivery: PO Box 12428, Austin, TX 78711

Overnight Delivery: 1100 San Jacinto, Austin, TX 78701

The Governor's Appointment Office may be contacted via phone at 512-463-1828 or via fax at 512-475-2576. For additional information regarding the Governor's Appointment Process, please visit the Governor's website at <http://gov.texas.gov/appointments/process>.