



Intent to Run for TASC State Office 2024-2025

School	Livingston High School
Position Sought	Vice President
Advisor's Name (person who will serve on the Board if elected to office)	Aaron Kerss
School Address	400 FM 350 S
School City, State, Zip	Livingston, TX, 77351
Advisor's School Email	akerss@livingstonisd.com
Advisor's School Phone <small>(Ensure that cell phone is listed on advisor profile on website.)</small>	936-328-8600 Ext 8099
Principal's Name	Dr. Derrick James
Student Representative (Student who will serve on Board if school is elected to office)	Madison Evans
Platform: What is your issue, and <u>what are you proposing that TASC as an association or TASC member schools do to address this?</u> (Please see TASC guidelines if there is a cost to this platform.)	Depression is an issue that can affect everyone in society; however, nursing home residents are at a particularly high risk. Our platform, "UP-Lifting" seeks to combat the depression rate in nursing home residents by encouraging schools to get involved locally. By targeting direct causes of depression for residents, such as loneliness and lack of purpose, we can give hope to the vulnerable and strength to our communities.

INTENT TO RUN CHECKLIST

Verify before submitting your intent to run that the following is included:

- Candidate School's Official Letter of Intent
- Intent to Run (first 3 pages here)
- Candidate School's Resume
- TASC Officer and Advisor Agreement
- TASC District/State Social Media Code of Conduct

Do not include personal contact information such as cell phone, home address, etc.



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LIVINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL

January 27, 2025

TASC Board of Directors
1833 South IH 35
Austin, TX 78741

Dear TASC Board of Directors:

It is with pride and enthusiasm, we, the Student Council of Livingston High School, officially submit this letter of intent to seek the office of State Vice President. Our experience and success in District 17 and TASC have helped prepare us for this position. We are excited about the opportunities that come with this position and will strive to continue our tradition of excellence, if elected.

Under the leadership of our advisor, Aaron Keress, the Livingston High School Student Council served as the TASC State Parliamentarian School for the 2022-2023 school year. We have been actively involved in District 17 events and activities, consistently, for the past nine years. We have served as a District 17 Officer School for seven of the last eight years, serving the past three times as D17 Vice President. We have hosted conferences at the district level, consisting of District 17 Fall Conference in 2020 and District 17 Spring Conferences in 2022 & 2023. Currently we are preparing to host the District 17 2025 Spring Conference in Beaumont, Texas. We have been a TASC Sweepstakes school since 2015 and have also qualified to receive the National Gold Council of Excellence Award for the past eight consecutive years.

While many areas have “returned to normal,” the lingering effects of the Covid 19 pandemic still remain present in areas of our state. One of the areas that was hit extremely hard and has been slow to recover has been nursing home facilities. Texas ranks third in the nation for the number of residents living in nursing homes, with more than 86,000 residents statewide. According to the CDC, approximately 1 in 3 residents of nursing homes is diagnosed with depression with a majority of cases stemming from loneliness and a lack of stimulation. By partnering with local nursing homes, we can provide these valuable members of our communities with a sense of purpose and build relationships that transcend generations.


Sincerely,


Madison Evans
Student Candidate

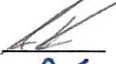
Aaron Keress
Advisor


Dr. Derrick James
Principal


Advisor, principal, and student must initial each item below.

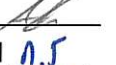
Advisor 
Principal D.J.
Student ME
We understand, if elected, both advisor and student representative are expected to attend the TASC State Steering Committee Meeting.


Advisor 
Principal D.J.
Student ME
We understand, if elected, both advisor and student representative are expected to attend the TASC Summer Board Meeting.


Advisor 
Principal D.J.
Student ME
We understand, if elected, both advisor and student representative are expected to attend the TASC Fall Board Meeting.


Advisor 
Principal D.J.
Student ME
We understand, if elected, both advisor and student representative are expected to attend the TASC Annual Conference.


Advisor 
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Student ME
We understand, if elected, both advisor and student representative will be responsible for some expenses related to optional travel (i.e. travel to Out of State Conference).

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Student ME
We understand, if elected, both advisor and student representative will be encouraged to attend a selected Out of State Conference. (TASC will pay registration, pre-trip activities and hotel for student representative.)

Advisor 
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Student ME
We understand, if elected, our school are responsible for presenting information at the Advisors Workshop, the Middle Level Annual Conference, and the HS Annual Conference.

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Student ME
We understand all TASC officer schools (to include the advisor and student representative) are expected to support and attend all TASC activities including Summer Leadership Workshop, and Advanced Workshops as well as District events.

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Student ME
We have read and understand the specific responsibilities of the office in which we are running.

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If elected, we agree to serve the full term of our office.

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*Please note that the school runs for the office. One student representative and one advisor are named by the school per office to sit on the Board. The named advisor of record must organize the campaign, represent the school at the HS Annual Conference, and remain active throughout the term of office. At the written request of the school, those representatives may be changed at any time. The TASC Board of Directors may remove a student or an advisor for a violation of TASC policy. A school may be removed from office by the TASC Board of Directors for failure to fulfill duties of office.

Principal's Signature Dr. D. Jones 1/27/25

Advisor's Signature ~~Evans~~

Student's Signature Matisson Evans

*If student representative has not been selected by the time of initial filing, please resubmit form with student's initials and signature by date of final Officer Candidate Filing. If the student representative changes, resubmit the form as soon as possible.

Date Submitted 1/28/25

Candidate School's Resume

School Name:

Candidate for which office:

School's Qualifications	2024	2023	2022
Did your school earn Sweepstakes?	✓	✓	✓
Did your school earn Outstanding Student Council?	✓	✓	✓
Did your school Pride and Patriotism recognition?	✓	✓	✓
Did your school earn Energy and Environment recognition?	✓	✓	✓
Did your school earn Community Service recognition?	✓	✓	✓
Did your school earn Top 10 Projects recognition?			
Did your school earn Top 10 Video recognition?			✓
Did your school attend Lakeview/Mo Ranch TASC Advanced Leadership Workshop?	✓		
Did your school attend the TASC HS Annual Conference?	✓	✓	✓
Did your school attend a TASC Summer Leadership Workshop?		✓	✓
Has your school held a TASC district office?	✓	✓	✓
Has your school hosted a TASC district conference?		✓	✓
	Year	Year	Year
Has your school ever served as a TASC state officer school? Please list the 3 most recent years served.	2022-2023 Parliamentarian		
Has your school ever served as the TASC HS Annual Conference coordinator school?			
Advisor's Qualifications	2024	2023	2022
Did advisor attend the TASC Advisors' Workshop?	✓	✓	✓
Did advisor present at the TASC Advisors' Workshop?	✓	✓	
Did advisor attend Lakeview/Mo Ranch TASC Advanced Leadership Workshop?	✓		
Did advisor attend the TASC HS Annual Conference?	✓	✓	✓
Did advisor attend a TASC Summer Leadership Workshop?			✓
Did advisor serve on staff at a TASC Summer Leadership Workshop?			✓
Has the school held a TASC district office under this advisor?		✓	✓
Has the school hosted a TASC district conference under this advisor?		✓	✓
Student Representative's Qualifications	2024	2023	2022
Did the student attend Lakeview/Mo Ranch TASC Advanced Workshop?	✓		
Did the student attend the TASC HS Annual Conference?	✓	✓	
Was the student a Table Talk Presenter at the TASC HS Annual Conference?	✓		
Did the student attend a TASC Summer Leadership Workshop?			
Did the student serve as a JC at a TASC Summer Leadership Workshop?			
Has the student held a TASC district office?			
Has the student held an officer position in student council?	✓		



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STUCO

THE TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE CONTINUES

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Madison Evans is a junior at Livingston High School, and will serve as the student nominee should Livingston be elected. She is a 3 year member of the LHS Student Council, where she served as chair of the Community Service Committee, and currently serves as the council's Vice President. Madison is also a member of National Honor Society, Vice President of Programs for FCCLA, and Secretary of the Leo Club. She brings innovation, commitment, and a true servant's heart to our council. As a state representative she will lead with heart to serve all TASC districts equally.



ADVISOR



Aaron Kerss has been an advisor of the Livingston High School Student Council for the past 9 years. Under him, Livingston has continued to maintain its commitment to excellence, earning Sweepstakes for the 10th consecutive year, and qualifying to be recognized as a National Gold Council of Excellence for the 8th consecutive year. He has also served on board positions at the district level for seven years, serving as the District 17 Historian, Secretary, President, and Vice President. He has been recognized as the 2018-2019 LHS Teacher of the Year and also serves as Science Department Chair, AP Department Chair, and is a Team Lead for the LHS Gear Up Committee. He is committed to helping all members of StuCo develop their leadership potential and fully commits to his responsibilities.

COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS

- 2022-2023 TASC Parliamentarian
- 7 years serving on the D17 Executive Board
 - 3 years as Vice President
- 10 time TASC Sweepstakes recipient
- 8 time NASC Gold Council of Excellence recipient
- 2019 & 2022 TASC Top Video Winner

PLATFORM

Our platform, "UP-Lifting" seeks to combat the depression rate in nursing home residents by encouraging schools to get involved locally and providing schools of all shapes and sizes with ways to incorporate local nursing homes in their communities. "A [StuCo member] is a friend to all," so let's Up-Lift across generations and be of assistance today.