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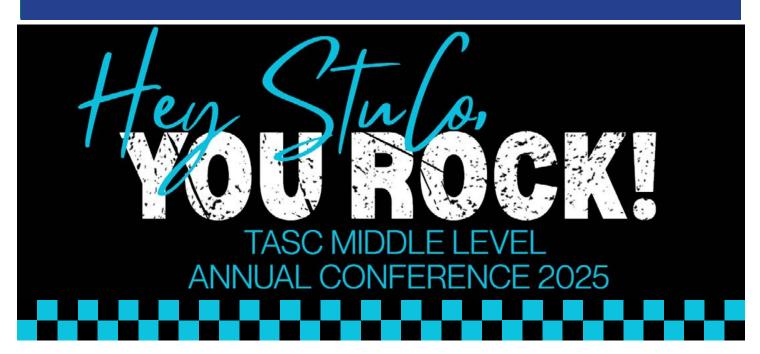
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When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!



TASC MIDDLE-LEVEL ANNUAL CONFERENCE: CHECK IT OUT!

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Sept. 24	1st Semester New Advisor Training 7 pm CT on Zoom – Training 1

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Oct. 8 Deadline to Submit ML Advisor Service Pin/Retirement Information

Oct. 11-13 SASC Conference at Wade Hampton High School, Greenville, SC (not a TASC event)

Oct. 15 1st Semester New Advisor Training 7 pm CT on Zoom – Training 2

Nov. 1 Deadline to Submit ADVANCED JC Applications

Nov. 4 Prospective Candidates Meeting 7 pm CT on Zoom – for potential candidates for office

Nov. 5 1st Semester New Advisor Training 7 pm CT on Zoom – Training 3

Nov. 10 TASC Info Night for all Advisors and Students 7-8 pm CT on Zoom – Be Strong

Nov. 17 TASC Board of Directors Fall Meeting Mon.

Nov. 17-18 Middle Level Annual Conference - Waco Convention Center, Waco, TX Mon - Tues

Nov. 5 Deadline for Districts to Submit Nominations for ML/HS Advisor of the Year



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BIG DEADLINE ON OCTOBER 8!!!

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EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS OCTOBER 8th!

TASC Block Rooms are available at the Hilton Waco Convention Center and Courtyard Hotel:





TASC MIDDLE-LEVEL ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Take a leadership team to the Middle-Level Annual Conference! Give your school the leadership edge while building a positive school climate and culture.

- Enjoy motivational general sessions presented by nationally recognized speakers
- Learn in breakouts and discussion groups led by outstanding leaders and advisors from across Texas
- Join hundreds of middle-level leaders, network with other student council and NJHS advisors and students
- Learn about opportunities for community service and gain leadership resources
- Walk away with ideas for a successful year
- Participate in a Service Project
- Experience a taste of Summer Leadership Workshops
- There is still time for recognition! Submit your application for Top Video or Top Project by October 8!



NEW ADVISOR TRAINING 7 PM CT (6 PM MT)

IST SEMESTER

SEPTEMBER 24 OCTOBER 15 NOVEMBER 5 DECEMBER 10

2ND SEMESTER

JANUARY 14 FEBRUARY 11 MARCH 4 APRIL 8

JOIN THE CLASS! GET CONNECTED! ROCK ON!

SCAN THE CODE OR CLICK THE LINK TO JOIN!



PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES MEETINGS!

Dates 2025-2026-

- September 23
- November 4
- O December 2
- January 13

CLICK HERE!

All meetings 7pm-8 pm CST



Purpose - To help! And to go over expectations, questions about running, and the requirements of a candidate and officer.





All Advisors and Students are Invited!
7:00pm-8:00pm Central Time
Zoom links are on the linked spreadsheet.

Start Strong!

August 25th Our year at glance and yours! Projects you can do tomorrow.

Be Strong!

November 10th Advanced Workshops, <u>ALL</u> State Applications, & Holiday Ideas/Projects

Stay Strong!

January 12th All things Annual Conference, appreciation projects, & more.

Finish Strong!

February 23rd Campus Elections, projects to beat the spring blues, & year in review.



CLICK HERE!



THE WHY -

THE STATE PROJECT, TASC ROCKS AGAINST HUNGER!, IS NEEDED BECAUSE:

THROUGHOUT TEXAS, 1 IN EVERY 6 FAMILIES FACE FOOD INSECURITY (FEEDING TEXAS)

- IN TEXAS, 1 IN EVERY 4 CHILDREN GOES TO BED HUNGRY, WHICH IS OVER 2 MILLION CHILDREN EVERY DAY (FEEDING TEXAS)
- TEXAS HAS THE SECOND-HIGHEST FOOD INSECURITY POPULATION IN THE NATION (FEEDING TEXAS)

5.1 MILLION TEXANS ARE AT RISK FOR HUNGER (FEEDING TEXAS)

- WITHIN A YEAR, THE RATE OF FOOD INSECURITY IN TEXAS HAS RISEN FROM 16.4% TO 17.6% (FEEDING TEXAS)
- TEXAS HAS THE HIGHEST RATE OF SENIOR FOOD INSECURITY IN THE NATION, WITH 13.6% OF TEXAN SENIORS AT RISK FOR HUNGER (FEEDING TEXAS)

 • MORE THAN 3.4 MILLION TEXANS RECEIVE SNAP BENEFITS (EVERY TEXAN)

- OVER 3 MILLION STUDENTS ARE ESTIMATED TO QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL
- LUNCHES (STATISTA)

 OVER 2 MILLION INDIVIDUALS IN TEXAS EXPERIENCE LOW ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD SOURCES (UTHEALTH SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH)
- OVER 4 MILLION PEOPLE RECEIVE FOOD AND RESOURCES FROM THE FEEDING TEXAS NETWORK OF FOOD BANKS (FEEDING TEXAS)
- TEXAS FOOD BANKS ARE REPORTING SIGNIFICANT STRAIN AND FACING CHALLENGES TO PROVIDE ENOUGH RESOURCES TO THOSE WHO FACE FOOD INSECURITY (THE TEXAS TRIBUNE)

GOALS -

WE HOPE TO:

1. **SERVE** EACH AND EVERY COMMUNITY THAT FACES FOOD INSECURITY BY PROVIDING THE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES AND TIME.

A. IMPLEMENT STATE-WIDE SERVICE INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS THAT FOCUS ON POSITIVELY IMPACTING GROUPS THAT ARE AFFECTED BY FOOD SCARCITY. FOR INSTANCE:

I. ORGANIZED FOOD DRIVES

II. VOLUNTEER WORK/ SERVICE HOURS GAINED THROUGH COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

B. PARTNER AND SERVE WITH ENDORSED STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT TEXAS TO PROVIDE SERVICE, TIME, AND EFFORT EFFICIENTLY.

2. **EDUCATE** OTHERS OF THE EFFECTS OF FOOD INSECURITY AND HOW IT CAN BE LIMITED OR REDUCED.

A. TEACH EVERYONE THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND SOCIAL IMPACTS OF NOT RECEIVING A BALANCED DIET.

B. DISCUSS THE DIFFERENT WAYS YOU AND YOUR COUNCIL CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING RESOURCES.

3. ADVOCATE FOR COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS BATTLING FOOD INSECURITY AND HELP THEM REGAIN STABILITY.

A. SUPPORT THOSE STRUGGLING TO OBTAIN NUTRITIOUS MEALS BY COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR AREAS IN NEED.

B. PROMOTE THE POSITIVE IMPACT FOOD DONATIONS CAN HAVE ON STRUGGLING INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES WHILE REDUCING THE STIGMA.

STATE REPORT GOALS -

STATE SERVICE PROJECT GOALS		
1	Number of projects designed to combat food insecurity or hunger in Texas.	1000
2	Number of community organizations partnered with at your school (food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, etc.).	750
3	Number of service hours dedicated to projects that help serve, educate, and advocate for individuals on all things food insecurity.	75,000
4	Number of social media posts tagging @tasc_stuco and using #TASCFeedsTX, which will share resources, projects, and awareness related to the state service project.	1000
5	The dollar amount of goods and money donated to partnered local advocacy centers and shelters.	\$300,000
6	People reached through education efforts. This is considered by counting or measuring the number of people educated through programs/ organizations/ projects (ex., the number of attendees at a seminar, open house presentations, advisory lessons, and the number of people reached through social media).	300,000

PROJECT IDEAS - CLICK HERE FOR THE CANVA





Starters



Main Course(s)



- Food Distribution Volunteering
- Can For Entry
- Hunger Games



- Nutritional Awareness Posters
- Food Insecurity Infographics



- Reduce Food Waste
- Hunger Advocacy Week

• **Donation Drive Competitions**

- Thanksgiving Basket Collection
- Elementary Nutritional Lessons
- Spring Break Pantry Cleaning
- Food Drive Fridays
- Cereal Feeder Challenge
- Homecoming Can Food Drive
- Nutrition Workshops
- Food Insecurity Fundraiser
 - Themed Assemblies

Dessert



- Community Gardens
- Cook-Off For A Cause
- Community Farmers' Market
- Campus Food Pantry
- **Food Insecurity Forum**
- Food Philanthropy Week
- Student Impact Testimonial
- Compost For A Cause

Where table-talkers eat and advocate!

Bearn-a-licious,



Starters

Easiest to implement regardless of school circumstance

Main Course(s)

Moderate commitment through energy and participation

Desserts

Community focused: most activity and time required



BE PART OF THE SOLUTION TO PREVENT HUNGER.

FULLY FUNDED LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Explore.Act.Tell. teaches 6-12th grade students:

- > to become aware of food insecurity issues in their neighborhoods.
- > to practice skills needed to become good citizens
- > to advocate for community involvement and service

Through four interactive lessons, students will:

- > research hunger, globally and locally
- > create and implement a hunger solution project
- > tell their story in the Explore.Act.Tell. Challenge and enter to win



EXPLORE.ACT.TELL. STRENGTHENS SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS











EMPATHY

COLLABORATION

COMMUNICATION

LEADERSHIP

SELF-CONFIDENCE

Students will also practice project based learning skills including planning, evaluation, and time management.

www.ExploreActTell.org/registration























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General Committee Guidelines -

- -Schools may not serve the same committee two years in a row.
- -Schools may only serve on one committee.
- -Conference committee members serving on committees at the conference as well as board members schools may not nominate or second candidates, and their students must decline to wear gear supporting any one candidate to avoid conflict of interest.



U.S. SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM APPLICATION



The United States Senate Youth Program, established in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution, is a unique educational experience for outstanding high school students interested in pursuing careers in public service.

Two students from each state will be selected to attend the weeklong Government and Education Leadership program in Washington D.C., and each will receive a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship. Students must attend the entirety of the program to receive the scholarship. Members of the United States Senate and directors of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation have endorsed plans for the 64th Annual United States Senate Youth Program Washington Week to be held March 7 - 14, 2026.

The Texas United States Senate Youth Program is for high school students who demonstrate leadership and an interest in government. Students must be a junior or senior in High School. Interested students must be nominated by the high school principal and/or student council advisor. Interested students should inform their principal or student council advisor that they are interested in applying to the Texas US Senate Youth Program. Two high school juniors or seniors from Texas who hold elected or appointed positions of leadership are selected by the State Commissioner of Education to participate in the Senate

Youth Program. This is a highly selective program; any student nominated should be an extremely strong leader with strong communication and interpersonal skills, the initiative to respond to group needs, above-average intelligence, and a great desire to participate in the American democratic processes.

Principals and Student Council Advisors are asked to jointly nominate their most outstanding student to be considered by a state committee from the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals for nomination as a candidate for this program. Only one application per school will be accepted. Final decisions regarding nominations are subject to the judgement and verification of the state selection administrators.

Texas students must submit the completed application and supporting documentation to TASSP/TASC by October 3, 2025, 11:59 p.m. CST.

The primary purposes of the qualifying leadership position must be a representation of a constituency and service to others. A student who graduates high school at the close of the fall semester/quarter is not eligible to apply for the program.

See the USSYP Brochure and 2025-2026 Texas application for qualifications and submission requirements.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you downloaded this

form in August, please Re-Download this one.

We found and fixed errors!

Thank you!

CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION

TASC State Report Forms

Your council deserves recognition for the hard work you do. Councils can earn recognition in the following (each is a separate award)



- Pride and Patriotism (P&P)
- Energy and Environment (E&E)
- Drugs, Alcohol, Safety, and Health (DASH)
- Community Service (No points required. Just submit the form.)
- Outstanding Student Council
- And Sweepstakes (Earn recognition in all of the above for a Sweepstakes Award)

The 2025 – 2026 State Report Forms are simpler to manage than ever before!

CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION

- Have you reviewed your goals with your principal yet? Review this for a plan for Partnering with Your Principal.
- Take a look at the \$1,000 scholarship forms for partnering with your principal. They go hand in hand with being a successful council.

Access the 2025 – 2026 TASC Event Planner with dates for the coming year.

Follow us on Twitter: TASC_StuCo Are your members following the <u>TASC Facebook</u> page? There are frequent postings of scholarship opportunities as well as ideas for great activities. Find information here first!



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TASC ADVISOR WORKSHOP - ADVISORS ROCK!























