



TASC Endorsed Program Request



Board of Directors Policy Regarding Endorsements and/or Partnerships

Programs/projects that complement the mission and purpose of student council may be considered by the Board for an endorsement/partnership. Programs or projects interested in forming a partnership with TASC must demonstrate in writing the ways in which the program enhances the work of or provides a resource to student councils. Programs/projects sponsored by member schools are preferred. The Board will approve this type of relationship at the summer board meeting. The board may determine to limit the number of endorsed programs. These relationships benefit TASC member schools directly, either by providing a resource to the council or to individual students. Endorsed programs often exhibit at TASC events and present at TASC events. Benefits to an endorsed program/partner may include access to member schools' data for marketing, inclusion in conferences through presentations and reduced exhibit rates, a link on the TASC website, and inclusion in the TASC Resource Guide. Relationships are established by a board vote and are renewed annually. Existing programs must demonstrate participation by and benefit to schools and justify the continuation of the relationship in writing.

Indicate if this is a new or continuing partnership	Continuing
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Mission/Purpose of Organization	Take Care of Texas is a statewide campaign from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Take Care of Texas encourages all Texans to help keep our air and water clean, conserve water and energy, and reduce waste.
How does your mission align with the goals/purpose of Texas Student Councils? (See About Us tab at www.tasconline.org.)	Our tips, resources, and contests can empower students to have a positive impact on their school, community, and state overall. Our main goal is to educate all Texans so that our state is a better place to live, work, and play.

Describe in detail the process for TASC member school participation in this program.	Students can visit our website (TakeCareofTexas.org) to gain a greater knowledge of what they and their families can do to protect the Texas environment. Schools can order and download free print materials and lesson plans to educate students of all ages, teachers, and parents. Most of our materials are also available in Spanish. In addition, Take Care of Texas hosts a K-12 Art Contest from October – December with great prizes like laptops and scholarships.
What is the benefit of this partnership to the TASC organization as a whole, its member schools or individual advisors/students?	Take Care of Texas provides free environmental education materials and resources to TASC, member schools, and advisors/students. Advisors can benefit from our lesson plans and print material; while individual students can enter our K-12 Art Contest for a chance to win prizes and scholarships.
What is the benefit of this partnership to your organization?	Take Care of Texas benefits by having student councils expand the reach of our program and participation in the K-12 Art Contest. TASC members will help us by sharing our information and educating their peers on protecting the environment.
Is there a fee for TASC schools to attain resources or participate in the program	There is no fee. All our resources, print materials, and contest entrance is available on our website at no cost.
Does participation in this program require student fundraising of any type?	There is no fundraising required.
Is this program available to student councils statewide?	Yes, this program is a statewide campaign available to all Texans. All student councils can participate.
Describe in detail the resources available to TASC schools through this partnership.	Lesson plans, student handouts/worksheets, print material (including activity books, educational posters, bookmarks, and stickers) are available to advisors and students.
Describe the plan for serving schools across the state of Texas.	All materials are either available for order or can be downloaded as a digital resource. Print materials available for order can be shipped directly to any school in the state of Texas at no cost.
Describe your intent to exhibit or present at the TASC Advisor Workshop in September, and the TASC Annual Conference in March. (Presentation topics must be submitted and approved prior to each conference. Endorsed	We are definitely interested in exhibiting and would love more information. We have participated in the past.

programs are eligible for reduced fees for exhibiting. Forms are available under Exhibitors/Sponsors at www.tasconline.org .)	
<u>Continuing Programs Only:</u> Provide data on the number of TASC schools that participated in this program in the previous year.	N/A since we have not been active in a few years.
<u>Continuing Programs Only:</u> Explain how TASC school/student participation has increased or changed since the partnership began.	N/A since we have not been active in a few years.
<u>Continuing Programs Only:</u> Describe any <u>new plans</u> for serving schools and student councils across the state of Texas.	We really want to promote the K-12 Art Contest since it will be available to middle and high school for the first time. We also change the timeline to October – December, hoping for more participation.
<u>Continuing Programs Only:</u> Please share any suggestions you have regarding ways that TASC can add value to this partnership.	N/A since we have not been active in a few years.

Thank you for your service to student councils, schools, and student leadership.