



# 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.

<b>Indicate if this is a new or continuing partnership</b>	Continuing
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<b>Mission/Purpose of Organization</b>	Texas Advocacy Project's mission is to end dating and domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Texas. Texas Advocacy Project empowers survivors through free legal services and access to the justice system, and advances prevention through public outreach and education. Our attorneys, staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors are committed to advancing our vision that all Texans live free from abuse.
<b>How does your mission align with the goals/purpose of Texas Student Councils? (See About Us tab at <a href="http://www.tasconline.org">www.tasconline.org</a>.)</b>	We continue to be a resource for schools and student councils across the state so that faculty, staff, & students can understand and access legal solutions to dating violence & sexual assault. We strive to empower student leaders with knowledge about dating violence and sexual assault so that they can work towards building a safer campus

<p><b>Describe in detail the process for TASC member school participation in this program.</b></p>	<p>TASC member schools can tap into our services by calling our Legal Line at 1-800-374-HOPE. We also provide trainings across Texas, which can be scheduled by emailing <a href="mailto:training@TexasAdvocacyProject.org">training@TexasAdvocacyProject.org</a>. Texas Advocacy Project also offers volunteer opportunities year-round, and teen-focused initiatives such as our Teen Ambassadors of Hope campaign.</p>
<p><b>What is the benefit of this partnership to the TASC organization as a whole, its member schools or individual advisors/students?</b></p>	<p>Dating violence and sexual assault education is crucial for schools and student councils so that they can respond appropriately to incidents, and more importantly, prevent occurrences of intimate partner violence on campuses.</p>
<p><b>What is the benefit of this partnership to your organization?</b></p>	<p>This partnership allows us to spread awareness and information to a high-risk age group for intimate partner violence, helping to fulfill the primary goal of our organization.</p>
<p><b>Is there a fee for TASC schools to attain resources or participate in the program</b></p>	<p>No. All of our legal resources and trainings are completely free of charge.</p>
<p><b>Does participation in this program require student fundraising of any type?</b></p>	<p>No. Students are able to receive trainings, legal resources, or volunteer without any funds or fundraising necessary. One of our teen programs, Teen Ambassadors of Hope, does have a fundraising component, however, our primary goal of being a TASC partner is to provide free training and legal resources to student leaders</p>
<p><b>Is this program available to student councils statewide?</b></p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p><b>Describe in detail the resources available to TASC schools through this partnership.</b></p>	<p>Student, faculty, and staff can request trainings from Texas Advocacy Project at any point in the year at no cost. We offer a wide-range of teen outreach trainings, and can also consult with student councils and staff about legal responses to intimate partner violence, and prevention education.</p>
<p><b>Describe the plan for serving schools across the state of Texas.</b></p>	<p>Our goal for this upcoming year is to help lighten the load of the faculty at schools and provide free resources and training opportunities for teens. This past year has been stressful and we want to ensure that we can help each school.</p>
<p><b>Describe your intent to exhibit or present at the TASC Advisors Workshop in September, the TASC Middle Level Conference in November, and the TASC Annual Conference in April. (Presentation topics must be submitted and approved prior</b></p>	<p>We intend to exhibit and present at every TASC conference that we are able to, given we have the funds to exhibit. In the past we have presented an interactive teen dating violence training at the TASC Annual Conference. We would love to continue presenting on similar topics, such as recognizing teen dating violence, legal rights of teen dating violence, sexting &amp; cyberbullying, and more.</p>

<p>to each conference. Endorsed programs are eligible for reduced fees for exhibiting. Forms are available under Exhibitors/Sponsors at <a href="http://www.tasconline.org">www.tasconline.org</a>.)</p>	
<p><b><u>Continuing Programs Only:</u></b> Provide data on the number of TASC schools that participated in this program in the previous year.</p>	<p>Even amidst the covid 19 pandemic Texas Advocacy Project was able to provide training to over 1200 teens across the state.</p>
<p><b><u>Continuing Programs Only:</u></b> Explain how TASC school/student participation has increased or changed since the partnership began.</p>	<p>Every year we are able to further our reach into the schools across Texas. Since beginning our partnership we have partnered with more schools and faculty and have had numerous student council members who have served on our prevention campaign, Teen Ambassadors of hope.</p>
<p><b><u>Continuing Programs Only:</u></b> Describe any <u>new plans</u> for serving schools and student councils across the state of Texas.</p>	<p>We have resumed in person training again and plan to connect with schools and TASC to present at each conference hopefully and provide training to the schools.</p>
<p><b><u>Continuing Programs Only:</u></b> Please share any suggestions you have regarding ways that TASC can add value to this partnership.</p>	<p>We would love to figure out a way that TASC and TAP can partner on our Backpacks for Hope Campaign and provide avenues for teens to volunteer year-round.</p>

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