



STUDENT VOICES: A CONVERSATION ABOUT EDUCATION

TASB WINTER GOVERNANCE SEMINAR

FEBRUARY 21–23, 2019

GALVESTON CONVENTION CENTER, GALVESTON, TEXAS

High school seniors are invited to be part of the student panel and scholarship program at the 2019 Winter Governance Seminar. Four students will be selected to share personal stories about their experiences in Texas public schools. Each selected student will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

How to Apply

1. Complete the application. The application must be typed, and all sections must be completed.
2. Request a letter of recommendation. Each applicant must submit one letter of recommendation from a current district employee. The application is NOT complete without the letter of recommendation.
3. Submit all materials by 5 p.m. on January 16, 2019. E-mail your completed application to tami.nagar@tasb.org.

Eligibility Requirements

You must be a currently enrolled high school senior in a Texas public high school.

You must commit to attend and participate in the 2019 Winter Governance Seminar.

- Thursday, February 21: Dinner function and panel preparation (6:30–9 p.m.)
- Friday, February 22: Practice and lunch/panel (10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.)

You must provide a current high-resolution photo in JPEG format and other media-related items in the same format as received (no Google documents, etc.) by the deadline set by TASB.

Additional Details

All correspondence from TASB will be through e-mail.

The selection committee will base its decision entirely upon the information you provide, and no additional materials will be considered.

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance no later than Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Each selected student panelist is encouraged to invite up to two people to attend the conference with them. Hotel accommodations will be paid for and secured by TASB. The panelists will be reimbursed up to \$500 for additional travel expenses.

Selected students must complete a Form W-9 upon arrival at the Galveston Convention Center.

Details about the dinner, panel, and accommodations will be sent to the selected student panelists in February.



Personal Information

Name _____

School District _____

Home Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Preferred E-mail _____

General Information

The Student Voices panel strives for ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity. Your answers to the following information will help us to ensure that; however, supplying this information is optional.

Gender: Male Female Trans Prefer not to answer

Ethnicity: White/Caucasian Latino Black/African-American
 Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian Native American More than one ethnicity
 Not listed Prefer not to answer

For each of the questions below, answer in a paragraph of no more than 300 words per question.

1. Tell us about yourself (e.g., family, personal interests, dreams, hobbies).



2. Describe the one person who has had the greatest influence on you while you've been in school and how they have influenced you.

3. What activity (e.g., volunteer, classroom/extracurricular, afterschool) do you feel has had the most impact on you, and why?



4. What one thing would you change about your educational experience, and why?

Commitment Statement

I have read and understand the requirements about time and participation. If selected, I will fully commit to participate in the 2019 Winter Governance Seminar. "To participate" means I will commit to the activities listed in the requirements, contribute to the panel, and represent myself and my district to the best of my ability. My digital signature verifies that the information provided is true and correct.

Name _____ Date _____



Photo Release

I am a participant in the Student Voices panel, sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards, Inc. (TASB). I agree that TASB and its sponsors or designees have the right to use, reproduce, reprint, distribute, and display video and photographs of me and my submission (collectively, "images") for any organizational purpose, without notification, consent, or compensation to me. An organizational purpose includes, but is not limited to, displaying the images on websites, at conferences, or other venues, regardless of whether fees are charged. Public display of the images includes displaying the images on the Internet and at conferences. I understand that my digital signature on this release constitutes my consent and permission for the images to be used with my photo contribution and that no payment or further consent or permission will be required.

Participant's Printed Name: _____

Participant's Signature _____

Date: _____

If participant is a minor (under 18), a parent/guardian signature is also required:

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Date: _____