



STUDENT VOICE: A CONVERSATION ABOUT EDUCATION

TASB GOVERNANCE CAMP

FEBRUARY 26–29, 2020

SAN LUIS HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, GALVESTON, TEXAS

High school seniors are invited to be part of the student panel and scholarship program at the 2020 Governance Camp (formerly 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 15, 2020. 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 2020 Governance Camp.

- Thursday, February 27: Panel practice and dinner function (5:30–9 p.m.)
- Friday, February 28: First General Session/breakfast/panel

You must provide a current 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 Friday, January 31, 2020.

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 at the Hilton Galveston Island Resort, 5400 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX, 77551. The panelists will be reimbursed up to \$500 for additional travel expenses.

Selected students must complete a Form W-9 upon arrival at the Hilton Galveston Island Resort.

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

For each of the questions below, answer in a paragraph of **no more than 300 words per question**. Text that goes beyond the designated response box will not be considered.

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



2. Looking back at your educational experience, what's the one thing you would change and why?

3. If you could give advice to an incoming high school student, what would it be?



4. What's one problem you think young people face today, and what do you think schools can do to better prepare students with handling it?

Commitment Statement

I have read and understand the requirements about time and participation. If selected, I will fully commit to participate in the 2020 Governance Camp. "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 Voice 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: