

Non-voting Student Representative on Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)

Background:

Section 61.0225 of the Education Code authorizes the **Governor** to appoint a non-voting student representative to the THECB for a term not to exceed **one year** beginning on June 1 and ending on May 31 the following calendar year. The student representative shall enjoy the same rights as a regularly appointed board member, except the right to vote or be counted towards a quorum for official board business. The student representative serves without compensation, however shall be reimbursed by the Coordinating Board for expenses incurred during official board business.

Qualifications:

For initial consideration, nominees must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in a public institution of higher education;
- Be in good academic standing as determined by the institution;
- Commit to fulfill all board related responsibilities during their term of service, to include attendance at no less than 3 of the 4 quarterly board meetings, and 3 of the 4 board committee meetings as scheduled; and
- Have a strong drive and self-motivation to contribute to the progress of higher education in Texas.

If appointed, the student representative must continue to meet the following criteria for the length of his or her term:

- Maintain a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
- Maintain enrollment at a public institution of higher education for duration of term; and
- Maintain a state-wide perspective on higher education (as opposed to representing any single college or university).

Key Deadlines/Process:

- November 1, deadline for student government at institutions to begin solicitation for nominees.
- January 1, deadline for student government at institutions to select no more than five applicants for recommendation to the chancellor of the system (if within a system) or president (if not within a system).
- February 1, deadline for the chancellor of the system (if within a system) or president (if not within a system) to nominate to the Governor no less than two applicants for appointment to the Coordinating Board. This deadline includes the submission to the Governor's appointments Office and includes the following documents (submissions must be postmarked by this date):
 1. [THECB Application](#)
 2. [Governor's Appointment Application](#)
 3. Resume
 4. Unofficial Transcript
- June 1, deadline for the Governor to appoint a non-voting student representative to the Coordinating Board for a one-year term expiring on May 31.

The chancellor or president (as indicated above) shall mail completed nomination packets to the Governor's Appointment Office at:

Regular Delivery: PO Box 12428, Austin, TX 78711
Overnight Delivery: 1100 San Jacinto, Austin, TX 78701

The Governor's Appointment Office may be contacted via phone at 512.463.1828 or via fax at 512.475.2576. For additional information regarding the Governor's Appointment Process, please visit the Governor's website at <http://gov.texas.gov/appointments/process>.