TASC NewsBlast November 2025 Texas Association of Student Councils

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When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!









ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS 2026

- JANUARY ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP: Jan. 24-26, 2026 (Sat-Mon) | Lakeview in Palestine TX
- FEBRUARY ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP: Feb. 6-8, 2026 (Fri-Sun) | Mo-Ranch in Hunt TX

WANT TO TRANSFORM YOUR COUNCIL FROM BLAH TO WOW? COME TO ADVANCED TO: LEARN - LAUGH - REST - REJUVENATE

Attendees meet with top student council trainers and leave motivated to finish the year strong. Join TASC and student council leaders from across the State of Texas for training designed to:

- Strengthen your leadership team
- Focus your council leaders on the why of their activities
- Provide strategies for inclusion
- Teach tactics for creating excitement, belonging, and memories that last

Advisors: Yep, we have you covered as well. You will leave refreshed with ideas to carry you through the spring semester.

Join TASC for a weekend to motivate and rejuvenate you and your students. There will be advisor training and time for advisors to network with good friends.

TASC conducts two (separate but identical other than location) weekend retreats designed to allow experienced student leaders to interact with one another for motivation and advanced training as they meet with top leadership trainers, experience personal growth as leaders, and rejuvenate for the spring semester.

Active, involved, and, most importantly, mature, and experienced student leaders (grades 9-12) will gain the maximum benefit from this training. The curriculum varies yearly, customized by the consultant to align with the group's high level of expertise. Our packed, dynamic schedule ensures students remain highly engaged throughout the program. This intentional design, coupled with a break from outside internet access, encourages everyone to be fully present and grow through the curriculum and connection with others.

While summer leadership workshops focus on student council leadership training, the advanced workshops focus more on personal leadership qualities and skills.

<u>VIEW ADVANCED</u> <u>LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP >></u>

See next page for more information...





Jan 24-26 | Sat-Mon **Registration Open**



Feb 6-8 | Fri-Sun **Registration Open**

REGISTER EARLY TO \$AVE!!

"SUPER Early Bird" Registration until Dec. 3: \$270

"Early Bird" Registration closes Dec. 10 or when full: \$295

Registration closes on Jan. 7 or when full: \$315 Schools may register up to 14 students

@LAKEVIEW: Students and advisors will be in separate bunkhouse housing. Advisors, if you want more privacy, the cost will be an additional \$200 for a Semi-Private (still sharing with 1 other person of the same sex, but in a motel-like room) or \$340 for a Private Room (room by yourself), but you must contact Patty to check availability and pre-pay before arrival.

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"SUPER Early Bird" Registration until Dec. 10: \$305

"Early Bird" Registration closes Jan. 7 or when full: \$330

• FEBRUARY ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP: Feb. 6-8, 2026 (Fri-Sun) | Mo-Ranch in Hunt TX

> Registration Closes on Jan. 21 or when full: \$355 Schools may register up to 14 students

@MO-RANCH: Students and advisors will be in a separate motel or bunkhouse-style housing based on the day and time of registration and facility availability. If in a motel-style room, Advisors are 2 to a room, whereas students are 4 to a room. Advisors, if you want more privacy, the cost will be an additional \$365 for a Private Room (room by yourself), but you must contact Patty to check availability and pre-pay before arrival.



Nov. 17	TASC	Board	of D	irectors	Fall	Meeting	Mon.
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Nov. 17-18 Middle Level Annual Conference – Waco Convention Center, Waco, TX Mon - Tues

Nov. 5...... Deadline for Districts to Submit Nominations for ML/HS Advisor of the Year

Dec. 1.....Deadline to Submit SUMMER JC Applications

Dec. 1.....Deadline to Submit TASC Student Scholarship Applications

Dec. 2Prospective Candidates Meeting 7 pm CT on Zoom – for potential candidates for office

Dec. 3Super Early Bird Deadline Registration for Advanced Leadership Workshop in January

Dec. 101st Semester New Advisor Training 7 pm CT on Zoom - Training 4

Dec. 10Early Bird Deadline Registration for Advanced Leadership Workshop in January

Dec. 10Super Early Bird Deadline Registration for Advanced Leadership Workshop in February



TASC MIDDLE-LEVEL ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Nov. 17-18 (Mon-Tue) in Waco

REGISTER TODAY!! Early Bird: \$100 with a t-shirt by October 8th \$115 without a t-shirt by November 17th

REGISTER NOW!



2025 Tentative Schedule

Monday, November 17, 2025

3:30 pm - 6:00 pm Registration/Bookstore/Exhibits/Activities

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Dinner On Your Own

5:30 pm - 5:55 pm (Mandatory) Advisors' Meeting

6:00 pm - 7:45 pm Opening General Session

7:50 pm - 10:00 pm Evening Special Sessions Rotations

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

7:00 am - 8:25 am Breakfast and Hometown Council Meetings

8:00 am - 2:30 pm Registration / TASC Bookstore / Exhibits

8:30 am - 9:00 am Second General Session

9:15 am - 10:55 am Breakout Sessions/Advisor Sessions

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Closing General Session

12:30 pm - Lunch on your own or on your way home!

MIDDLE-LEVEL ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Take a leadership team to the Middle-Level Annual Conference! Give your school the leadership edge while building a positive school climate and culture.

- Enjoy motivational general sessions presented by nationally recognized speakers
- Learn in breakouts and discussion groups led by outstanding leaders and advisors from across Texas
- Join hundreds of middle-level leaders, network with other student council and NJHS advisors and students
- Learn about opportunities for community service and gain leadership resources
- Walk away with ideas for a successful year
- Participate in a Service Project
- Experience a taste of Summer Leadership Workshops











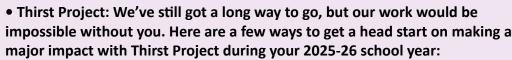
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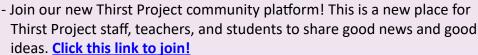
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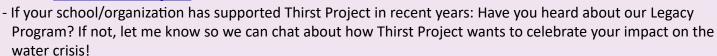
Here are some ways to get involved with Boots For Troops!

- Make a donation
- **Donate from their Amazon Wishlist**
- Adopt a Care Package
- Host a Package Drive

CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION







- If your school/organization has not supported Thirst Project in recent years: Click to request a free Thirst **Project presentation for your school!**

TASC State Report Forms

Your council deserves recognition for the hard work you do. Councils can earn recognition in the following (each is a separate award)



- Energy and Environment (E&E)
- Drugs, Alcohol, Safety, and Health (DASH)
- Community Service (No points required. Just submit the form.)
- Outstanding Student Council
- And Sweepstakes (Earn recognition in all of the above for a Sweepstakes Award)

The 2025 – 2026 State Report Forms are simpler to manage than ever before!

CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION









If you downloaded this form in August, please Re-Download this one.

We found and fixed errors! Thank you!





- Have you reviewed your goals with your principal yet? Review this for a plan for Partnering with Your Principal.
- Take a look at the \$1,000 scholarship forms for partnering with your principal. They go hand in hand with being a successful council.





NEW ADVISOR TRAINING 7 PM CT (6 PM MT)

IST SEMESTER

SEPTEMBER 24 OCTOBER 15 NOVEMBER 5 DECEMBER 10

2ND SEMESTER

JANUARY 14 FEBRUARY 11 MARCH 4 APRIL 8

JOIN THE CLASS! GET CONNECTED! ROCK ON!

SCAN THE CODE OR CLICK THE LINK TO JOIN!





Starters



Main Course(s)



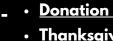
- Food Distribution Volunteering
- Can For Entry
- Hunger Games



- Parent Info Meetings
- Nutritional Awareness Posters
- Food Insecurity Infographics



- Social Media Campaigns
- Reduce Food Waste
- Hunger Advocacy Week



- **Donation Drive Competitions**
- Thanksgiving Basket Collection
- Elementary Nutritional Lessons
- Spring Break Pantry Cleaning
- Food Drive Fridays
- Cereal Feeder Challenge
- Homecoming Can Food Drive
- Nutrition Workshops



- Food Insecurity Fundraiser
 - Themed Assemblies



- Can The Campus
 - Community Gardens
 - Cook-Off For A Cause
 - Community Farmers' Market
 - Campus Food Pantry





- Food Philanthropy Week
- Student Impact Testimonial
- Compost For A Cause

Where table-talkers eat and advocate!

Bearn-a-licious,



Starters

Easiest to implement regardless of school circumstance

Main Course(s)

Moderate commitment through energy and participation

Desserts

Community focused: most activity and time required



THE WHY -

THE STATE PROJECT, TASC ROCKS AGAINST HUNGER!, IS NEEDED BECAUSE:

THROUGHOUT TEXAS, 1 IN EVERY 6 FAMILIES FACE FOOD INSECURITY (FEEDING TEXAS)

- IN TEXAS, 1 IN EVERY 4 CHILDREN GOES TO BED HUNGRY, WHICH IS OVER 2 MILLION CHILDREN EVERY DAY (FEEDING TEXAS)
- TEXAS HAS THE SECOND-HIGHEST FOOD INSECURITY POPULATION IN THE NATION (FEEDING TEXAS)

5.1 MILLION TEXANS ARE AT RISK FOR HUNGER (FEEDING TEXAS)

- WITHIN A YEAR, THE RATE OF FOOD INSECURITY IN TEXAS HAS RISEN FROM 16.4% TO 17.6% (FEEDING TEXAS)
- TEXAS HAS THE HIGHEST RATE OF SENIOR FOOD INSECURITY IN THE NATION, WITH 13.6% OF TEXAN SENIORS AT RISK FOR HUNGER (FEEDING TEXAS)

 • MORE THAN 3.4 MILLION TEXANS RECEIVE SNAP BENEFITS (EVERY TEXAN)

- OVER 3 MILLION STUDENTS ARE ESTIMATED TO QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL
- LUNCHES (STATISTA)

 OVER 2 MILLION INDIVIDUALS IN TEXAS EXPERIENCE LOW ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD SOURCES (UTHEALTH SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH)
- OVER 4 MILLION PEOPLE RECEIVE FOOD AND RESOURCES FROM THE FEEDING TEXAS NETWORK OF FOOD BANKS (FEEDING TEXAS)
- TEXAS FOOD BANKS ARE REPORTING SIGNIFICANT STRAIN AND FACING CHALLENGES TO PROVIDE ENOUGH RESOURCES TO THOSE WHO FACE FOOD INSECURITY (THE TEXAS TRIBUNE)

GOALS -

WE HOPE TO:

1. **SERVE** EACH AND EVERY COMMUNITY THAT FACES FOOD INSECURITY BY PROVIDING THE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES AND TIME.

A. IMPLEMENT STATE-WIDE SERVICE INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS THAT FOCUS ON POSITIVELY IMPACTING GROUPS THAT ARE AFFECTED BY FOOD SCARCITY. FOR INSTANCE:

I. ORGANIZED FOOD DRIVES

II. VOLUNTEER WORK/ SERVICE HOURS GAINED THROUGH COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

B. PARTNER AND SERVE WITH ENDORSED STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT TEXAS TO PROVIDE SERVICE, TIME, AND EFFORT EFFICIENTLY.

2. **EDUCATE** OTHERS OF THE EFFECTS OF FOOD INSECURITY AND HOW IT CAN BE LIMITED OR REDUCED.

A. TEACH EVERYONE THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND SOCIAL IMPACTS OF NOT RECEIVING A BALANCED DIET.

B. DISCUSS THE DIFFERENT WAYS YOU AND YOUR COUNCIL CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING RESOURCES.

3. ADVOCATE FOR COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS BATTLING FOOD INSECURITY AND HELP THEM REGAIN STABILITY.

A. SUPPORT THOSE STRUGGLING TO OBTAIN NUTRITIOUS MEALS BY COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR AREAS IN NEED.

B. PROMOTE THE POSITIVE IMPACT FOOD DONATIONS CAN HAVE ON STRUGGLING INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES WHILE REDUCING THE STIGMA.

STATE REPORT GOALS -

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	STATE SERVICE PROJECT GOALS					
1	Number of projects designed to combat food insecurity or hunger in Texas.	1000				
2	Number of community organizations partnered with at your school (food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, etc.).	750				
3	Number of service hours dedicated to projects that help serve, educate, and advocate for individuals on all things food insecurity.	75,000				
4	Number of social media posts tagging @tasc_stuco and using #TASCFeedsTX, which will share resources, projects, and awareness related to the state service project.	1000				
5	The dollar amount of goods and money donated to partnered local advocacy centers and shelters.	\$300,000				
6	People reached through education efforts. This is considered by counting or measuring the number of people educated through programs/ organizations/ projects (ex., the number of attendees at a seminar, open house presentations, advisory lessons, and the number of people reached through social media).	300,000				

PROJECT IDEAS - CLICK HERE FOR THE CANVA





All Advisors and Students are Invited!
7:00pm-8:00pm Central Time
Zoom links are on the linked spreadsheet.

Start Strong!

August 25th Our year at glance and yours! Projects you can do tomorrow.

Be Strong!

November 10th Advanced Workshops, <u>ALL</u> State Applications, & Holiday Ideas/Projects

Stay Strong!

January 12th All things Annual Conference, appreciation projects, & more.

Finish Strong!

February 23rd Campus Elections, projects to beat the spring blues, & year in review.



CLICK HERE!

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES MEETINGS!

Dates 2025-2026-

- September 23
- November 4
- O December 2
- January 13

CLICK HERE!

All meetings 7pm-8 pm CST



Purpose - To help! And to go over expectations, questions about running, and the requirements of a candidate and officer.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS LEEDED



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General Committee Guidelines -

- -Schools may not serve the same committee two years in a row.
- -Schools may only serve on one committee.
- -Conference committee members serving on committees at the conference as well as board members schools may not nominate or second candidates, and their students must decline to wear gear supporting any one candidate to avoid conflict of interest.



At Annual Conference

For these, your school must not be running for office the year they serve. It is key that those chosen know that - Conference committee members serving on committees at the conference as well as board members schools may not nominate or second candidates, and their students must decline to wear gear supporting any one candidate to avoid conflict of interest.

Audience Etiquette Committee - Helping with general sessions to ensure students aren't running. Ensure people move toward the middle so everyone can get a seat. Keeping everyone cool, calm, and collected. Welcome Conference Guests at the main entrances prior to General Sessions. Time commitments are a shift or 2 before and at the beginning of a general session, and advisors take shifts on the afternoon of Day 2 to help guide students to where they need to be.

Meet the Candidate Committee - Help monitor the room for decorum, and students help pass out materials or distribute questions. Keeping the room to only those allowed to be admitted and on time to not disrupt the flow of the room. Time commitments are a shift of about 1.5 hours on Day 2, not including a training meeting.

Tabulations Committee - Help the school with passing out ballots and confirming election results and the need for a run-off at the annual conference. Meets after each election to verify election results prior to the annual commitments are a shift or 2 of 1-2 hours, especially on Day 1 and sometimes during Day 2. Also, a short time immediately after an election closes for each election, including runoffs on Day 3.

Welcome Booth - Be a friendly and knowledgeable TASC face! Needs to have been to the Annual Conference before in Irving to know how to direct people and where things are in the building. Time commitments are a shift or 2 of 1-2 hours, especially on Day 1 and sometimes during Day 2.

Credentials - The Credentials Committee's job is to ensure that all schools can access a fair election. They work directly with the Vice President school in accordance with the rules outlined in the Campaign Rules and Regulations document. They verify that all items brought with the school are accounted for in the budget and comply with the Campaign Rules and Regulations. Time commitment is Day 1 morning through the afternoon with 1 advisor and 1 student. TASC provides lunch during the break between monitoring skits.

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Prior to Annual Conference

For these, your school must not have submitted or not plan to submit one if volunteering for these. If you have never done this before, it could be a great idea to have your younger students help score and then have your students submit the following years.

Top Project - Be able to evaluate all top projects after the Feb. 7 deadline to rate them based on the set criteria in a timely manner. Often it is quickly after this that results are needed. Rated based on the information given and by direction of the Parliamentarian School and State Director.

Top Video - Be able to evaluate all top projects after the Feb. 7 deadline to rate them based on the set criteria in a timely manner. Often it is quickly after this that results are needed. Rated based on the information given and by direction of the Secretary School and State Director.

Student and School Scholarships - Be able to evaluate all student scholarships after the Dec. 1 deadline and the School Scholarships after the January 30th deadline to rate them based on the set criteria in a timely manner. Often it is quickly after this that results are needed. Rated based on the information given and by direction of the Past-President School and State Director.

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TASC Committees NOT Related to Annual Conference

As a continuation of our investigation of areas of concern for overall TASC services, we have created two committees. If you would like to be on these, you just have to select them, and the committee leads will communicate the schedule of meetings with you.

These would be advisor only areas for volunteering due to the longitudinal nature.

The membership goal is to have 2-3 members from each TASC District working on the initiatives.

Accessibility Committee -

To discuss making sure TASC and its services are accessible for all member schools across Texas.

Mentorship Committee -

To help those that are new or newish to advising if you are willing to be paired to help others on their new advisor journey.

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