



TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS  
TASC TOP PROJECTS COMPETITION

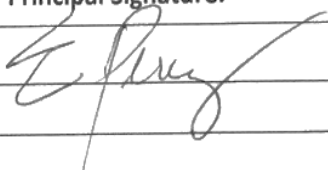


High School



Middle Level

ENTRY COVER SHEET

<b>School Name submitting the application</b>	<b>School Address:</b>
Richard King High School	5225 Gollihar
<b>School City/State/Zip:</b>	<b>Size of Community(ies):</b>
Corpus Christi, TX 78412	250,000
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<b>School UIL Classification:</b>	
5A	
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Project Dates:</b>
One Life	01/15/2020-2/17/2020
<b>Total Number of Students in Council(s):</b>	<b>Number of Members Involved in Project:</b>
150	30
<b>Total Number of Students Enrolled in School(s):</b>	<b>Number of Other Students Involved in Project:</b>
1500	30
<b>Total Number of Faculty employed in School(s):</b>	<b>Number of Faculty Involved in Project:</b>
100	5
<b>Number of Community Groups Involved in Project</b>	<b>Number of Community Members Involved in Project</b>
1	5

THIS INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.

This application must be submitted online via the TASC website.  
Upload your photos, newspaper articles, etc. online as well. Scan all pages into one document and upload.

Please consider submitting a proposal for a table talk (HS) on your project at the high school conference or for a breakout at the Middle Level Conference for extra points. You must apply to do that.

## **Project Name: One Life**

**Purpose and Objective:** To increase awareness and help assist the countless animals and people that have been affected by the catastrophic Australian Wildfires. This project enhances the quality of life of marsupials living in Australia, as well as strengthens the leadership development of OUR own Community by raising awareness of our community's Carbon Footprint.

**Description:** Our project, named "One Life," is split into two parts. As part of the state theme, "Level Up Your Leadership," we realized that the Earth also only has "One life." If we cannot take care of our home, how can we take care of ourselves? As of Jan. 7, 2020, approximately 32,400 square miles, an area of land a little smaller than Indiana, have burned since the blazes began. We realized that the perfect opportunity was there to help out our friends and family that live in Australia, and also help the animals that have been affected. Wildfires are of course a serious issue, but what about beyond the flames? Fire releases CO<sub>2</sub>, which is a greenhouse gas. The problem isn't just with the wildfires. The effects of the CO<sub>2</sub> released will have a drastic effect on climate change, an issue we see talked about every day. Our Carbon Footprint will become too big for the Earth if we don't start to decrease our community's carbon footprint now. We set out on a multi-step goal to "Level up our leadership" by raising awareness while acting upon the situation of the devastating wildfires in Australia, as well as initiating conversation and pledges that will help reduce our community's very own carbon footprint.

### **Involvement:**

\*We partnered up with **KHS F.C.C.L.A. DESIGN** to create "Joey Pouches" out of fabric to help aid the Australian animals whose populations have been devastated by the raging wildfires. The term "Joey" refers to the baby of any marsupial. Unfortunately, many of these baby marsupials lost their mothers who would care for them, which includes providing them with a warm and secure pouch the Joey would live in until it is old enough and also brave enough to venture away from its safety.

\*Using the available sewing machines, **King High School students and faculty members** were able to create protective cloth pouches made of 100% cotton. These sacks were made in different sizes and are known as "joey pouches," for young marsupials who have been orphaned or displaced by the wildfires. **Student Council** purchased over 200 yards of fleece and flannel, our **members** met up several times to cut the fabric according to the measurements and patterns provided by Wildcare Australia.

\*We collaborated with **Wildcare Australia Incorporation** a non-profit organization situated in Queensland, Australia whose vigorously trained volunteers would use our own homemade joey pouches to feed and take care of hundreds of misplaced newborns marsupials. Our pouches have been shipped to Wildcare Australia Inc. directly from Corpus Christi.

<https://www.caller.com/story/news/education/2020/01/24/australia-wildfires-corpus-christi-students-make-pouches-animals/4558161002/>





please select the items that you pledge to do to help limit your carbon footprint \*

- ☐ carpool more often
- ☐ use public transportation more often
- ☒ eat vegetarian meal once a week
- ☐ eat less beef (to reduce animal methane)
- ☒ turn off lights when not in use
- ☒ unplug electronics when they are not in use
- ☐ conserve water when bathing or brushing teeth
- ☒ use cold water when using washing machine
- ☒ use less single-use plastics
- ☐ recycle
- ☐ capsule clothing or second hand shopping
- ☒ use water bottles that can be refilled

Sample pledge for carbon footprint reduction





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Texas Association of Student Councils

To Whom It May Concern,

I am the AP Environmental Science teacher at Richard King High School in Corpus Christi, Texas. I am writing in support of our Student Council project, One Life. As an environmental science teacher, I feel this project is so important for this young generation.

I often see the phrase "There is No Plan(et) B" when environmental issues are discussed. Some people seem to think life is like science fiction, where we can just pack up and move when we have depleted Earth's resources. Of course, today's youth knows that is not possible. They also know they are the ones who have to live with the consequences of the actions of those that came before them. It is so impressive to see our students stand up for their futures.

So often, young people feel helpless when it comes to trying to make the world a better place because policy makers do not listened to the youth. They are frustrated because most can not vote and they do not make the decisions in their own households. However, small changes add up. This is why it is impressive to see King High School students take those first steps in stewardship.

Seeing the suffering of the animals affected by the wildfires in Australia, they decided to do what they could to provide comfort and aid to injured and traumatized animals. Then, they went further than that. They looked at the cause of the wildfires and decided to try to prevent more with their carbon footprint awareness campaign.

I feel the Richard King High School Student Council's project exemplifies the state theme of "One Life". Our students know that our planet has only one life, and the time for playing games is over. Their futures depend on it.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Rose".

Amanda Rose