

**Application for Student Regent for  
The University of Texas System Board of Regents  
June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011**

(Texas Education Code § 51.355) NONVOTING STUDENT REGENT; UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS. (a) In this section, "student government" means the representative student organization directly elected by the student body of a general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit.

(b) The chancellor of each university system shall develop a uniform application form to be used by each general academic teaching institution and medical and dental unit in the university system to solicit applicants for the position of student regent.

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (f), not later than November 1 of each year, the student government of each general academic teaching institution and medical and dental unit in a university system shall solicit applicants for appointment to the next regular term of the position of student regent. Not later than January 1, from among the applications received by the student government, the student government shall select five applicants as the student government's recommendations for the position of student regent and send the applications of those applicants to the chancellor of the university system. From among those applicants, the chancellor shall select two or more applicants as the university system's recommendations for the position of student regent and shall send the applications of those applicants to the governor not later than February 1. The governor may request to review all applications for the position of student regent received by the student governments and may request an applicant to submit additional information to the governor. On June 1, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the governor shall appoint one of the applicants to serve as the student regent for the system for a one-year term expiring on the next May 31. The governor is not required to appoint an applicant recommended by the chancellor.

(d) To be eligible for appointment as student regent, a person must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in a general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit in the university system and be in good academic standing as determined by the institution at the time of appointment. The person must remain enrolled at the institution throughout the person's term as a student regent. For purposes of this subsection, a person is considered to be enrolled in an institution or unit for a summer term if the person was enrolled in the institution or unit for the preceding semester and:

- (1) is registered or preregistered at the institution or unit for the following fall semester;
- (2) if the person has not completed the person's degree program, is eligible to continue the degree program at the institution or unit in the following fall semester; or
- (3) if the person completed a degree program in the preceding semester, is admitted to another degree program at the institution or unit for the following fall semester.

(d-1) Throughout the student regent's term, the student regent must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a four-point scale. The president of the institution in which the student regent is enrolled shall notify the governor if the student regent fails to maintain the qualifications required by this section.

(e) A student regent is not a member of the board of regents of the system for which the student regent is appointed. A student regent has the same powers and duties as the members of the board of regents of the system, including the right to attend and participate in meetings of the board of regents, except that the student regent:

- (1) may not vote on any matter before the board or make or second any motion before the board; and
- (2) is not counted in determining whether a quorum exists for a meeting of the board or in determining the outcome of any vote of the board.

(f) The student government of the general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit at which a current student regent was enrolled at the time of the student regent's appointment may not solicit applicants for the position of student regent for the next regular term of the position.

(g) A vacancy in the position of student regent for a university system shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the governor in consultation with the chancellor of the system.

(h) On receiving notice under Subsection (d-1) from the president of the institution in which the student regent is enrolled that the student regent has failed to maintain the qualifications required by this section, the governor shall declare the position of student regent vacant and as soon as practicable fill the vacancy in the manner prescribed by Subsection (g).

(i) A student regent serves without compensation but is entitled to be reimbursed for the actual expenses incurred by the student regent in attending the meetings of the board of regents, subject to the approval of the chairman of the board of regents.





**Statement of Understanding:**

In the event I am appointed as the student regent to The University of Texas System, I hereby agree to comply with all requirements set forth in Section 51.355 of the Texas Education Code (as applicable), in addition to any policies and procedures established by The University of Texas System.

Additionally, if I am appointed as the student regent to The University of Texas System, I hereby authorize the president of my institution to immediately notify the Governor of any change of status in my academic standing that results in the failure to meet the minimum requirements for service established in Sections 51.355(d) and (d-1) of the Texas Education Code.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

**Registrar Certification of "Good Standing"**

I certify that this Applicant is in good academic standing and has a grade point average of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) or better.

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Certified by the Registrar

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Date

**Each institution should keep a copy of the original application materials and send the original application and resume to:**

Dr. Pedro Reyes  
Office of Academic Affairs  
The University of Texas System  
601 Colorado St.  
OHH 314  
Austin, Texas 78701

**Receipt Deadline is December 10, 2009**

**Minimum Time Commitments  
For a UT System Student Regent**

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Below is a list of activities any individual interested in serving in the role of Student Regent for the UT System should be aware of for their planning purposes.

1. Meeting Attendance. The Board has regularly scheduled meetings once a quarter. These meetings involve two full days of meetings, social events, and travel. In addition, two two-day meetings are scheduled for strategic planning purposes each year. Also, special called Board meetings occur throughout the year as external circumstances warrant and do not follow a regular schedule. In the last fiscal year x special called meetings occurred. A special called meeting generally requires either a full-day of meeting and travel or a telephone conference meeting.
2. Meeting Preparation. Required reading for a regularly scheduled meeting generally involves 300 plus pages of material that may require anywhere from six to ten hours to review. The volume of material to read in preparation of a special called Board meetings will vary based on the number of topics placed on the meetings agenda. Required reading materials are generally sent to the Regents ten days prior to the scheduled meeting.
3. Regent Orientation. One full day is scheduled as an opportunity for the offices of System Administration to brief new Regents on the responsibilities and value added by those offices to the UT System.
4. Training. Eight hours is estimated for obtaining training or reading on subjects such as conflict of interest issues, ethics, open meetings, and open records requirements.
5. Financial Disclosure. Every Regent is required to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement with the Texas Ethics Commission. The time required in filing will depend on the extent of assets owned.
6. Review of Regents' Rules. The Regents' *Rules and Regulations* are the policies established by the Board of Regents. Eight hours should be estimated for a new Regent to become familiar with the content of those Rules.