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San Marcos

September 1, 2005

Dear Students:

On behalf of the Texas State University System, I am pleased to announce the beginning of the student regent selection process for 2006-2007. Appointed by the Governor of Texas, the student regent represents all enrolled and attending colleges or universities in the Texas State University System, both undergraduates and graduates, for a one-year term. This newly established position allows a student to represent students in discussions of key issues in higher education and to participate in decisions affecting the future of our campuses.

This packet provides the information necessary to apply for the regent position. Please complete the application in full, and return to the President's office on your campus on or before the deadline.

Completed applications must be received in the President's office by not later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2005**. Should there be questions, please do not hesitate to contact the dean of students or the vice president for student services on your campus.

Thank you for your interest and willingness to serve the Texas State University System.

Sincerely,
Charles R. Matthews
Chancellor

**2006-2007 Student Regent
Texas State University System
Selection and Application Process
(Fall 2005)**

Background

In 2005, the Texas Legislature authorized each public university board of regents to have a non-voting student regent appointed by the governor (see Education Code, Sections 51.355 and 51.356). The chancellor of this System has developed this uniform application form to be used by each general academic teaching institution in the System to solicit applicants for the position of student regent.

Student Regent

The student regent is a non-voting participant on the board of regents representing all of the students in the Texas State University System. The student regent serves a one-year term commencing February 1. While not a voting member of the board of regents, a student regent otherwise possesses the same powers and duties as the members of the board of regents, with the exception of voting, making or seconding motions, and being counted to determine a quorum.

To the best of his or her ability, the student regent represents the interests of the students, university system/university and the State of Texas. The student regent may serve on special commissions, task forces and committees during their term and are expected to participate in required regent activities, including orientation sessions conducted by the Office of the Governor and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The student regent will be required to file an annual personal financial statement with the Texas Ethics Commission and abide by the laws of the State of Texas applicable to board service, including the state ethics laws.

Student Regent Qualifications

At the time of application and throughout the term of appointment, a student regent must be enrolled in good standing as an undergraduate or graduate student in the Texas State University System. A student regent is not eligible for reappointment. Preference will be given to applicants who are residents of the State of Texas and who have a general knowledge of the functions of the board of regents. Student regent applicants must have a strong desire to represent all university students within their respective system/institution.

Overview of the Role of the Boards of Regents

The governor of the State of Texas appoints regents for all public universities and university systems including the Texas State University System. The Texas State University System Board of Regents is vested with the legal and corporate authority to ensure that the mission of the System and its component colleges and universities is carried out, and in doing so, are accountable to the citizens of Texas. Members of the board of regents are appointed by the governor with staggered six-year terms. One student regent is appointed with a one-year term.

Many boards of regents operate through standing committees, subcommittees and special committees, which meet throughout the year.

The regents establish policy in areas such as personnel, campus development, student tuition and fees, admissions, and financial aid. The duties of the regents include overseeing the financial management of the system/university and its investments and property holdings as well as making major appointments including the system chancellor, presidents of the universities and other key personnel. The regents delegate a broad range of authority and responsibility to the system chancellor and university presidents.

Remuneration

A student regent will receive a *per diem* as provided by the legislature and may be reimbursed for expenses incurred for attendance at meetings of the board, its committees, other official university events and conferences where travel is approved for board members.

Timeline for the Texas State University System

The Texas State University System has established the schedule below for advertising and reviewing nominees for the position of student regent. In 2005, the first year of the position, the schedule will be adjusted to enable recommendations to be forwarded to the governor prior to December 1, 2005.

- By September 1** Applicants are solicited by the student government leadership from each campus in the Texas State University System, which includes the following institutions: Angelo State University, Lamar Institute of Technology, Lamar State College – Orange, Lamar State College – Port Arthur, Lamar University, Sam Houston State University, Sul Ross State University, Sul Ross State University – Rio Grande College and Texas State University – San Marcos.
- By October 14** Deadline for all official documents to be submitted to the president's office on each campus. (Note: Each applicant is to have his/her academic, financial and disciplinary standing verified by the registrar and appropriate student services administrator as well as a criminal records check completed through the University Police. See the information on page 5 of this application.)
- By November 1** After assessing the applicant pool, the applications of up to five individuals as recommended by the student selection committee will be forwarded to the president of the campus at which the student is enrolled.

- By November 15** The completed applications will be filed in the president's office and a copy of the campus' recommendations will be forwarded to the Texas State University System office. The materials forwarded will have the name of each applicant and the name of the institution in which the applicant is enrolled removed. (A specific and unique applicant reference code will be determined and utilized by each campus).
- By December 1** From the materials received, the chancellor will select two or more applicants (unranked) to submit to the governor. Once the selections have been made, the names of the individuals to be recommended will be provided to the chancellor for his transmittal letter to the governor. Each university president involved will forward the official application packet to the Governor's Appointment Secretary.
- On February 1** The governor appoints a student regent for a one-year term expiring the following January 31. (By statute, the governor may request to review all applications received by the student governments. Additionally, the governor is not required to appoint an applicant recommended by the chancellor.)

Applicants are required to complete all of the questions on the application form. Letters of recommendation should not be included. When the application is complete, submit the entire packet and attachments within the appropriate timeline to the address specified by your university (by mail or in person). Electronic or facsimile transmissions will not be accepted.

2006-2007 Student Regent Application Form

- Please print or type.
- Application for the position of student regent to the Texas State University System is due on: **(Friday, October 14, 2005, by 5:00 p.m.)**
- Deliver in person or mail to the President's Office (**originals only**)
- Applications received after the deadline will not be eligible for consideration.
- This application may be subject to disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act. By signing this form, applicant waives any exemption from disclosure afforded by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 12 USC 1232g, with the exception of a Student Identification Number which will be confidential unless otherwise provided by FERPA.

All applicants must fill out this form and complete the required appointment application issued by the governor of Texas.

Personal Information

1. Name _____
2. University/Campus _____
3. Student Identification Number _____
4. Campus Mailing Address _____

5. Campus Telephone Number _____; Cell Phone Number _____
6. Email Address _____
7. Are you a Texas resident? _____ Yes _____ No

Personal/Permanent Information if Different from Above (Winter/Summer Break contact):

8. Mailing Address _____

9. Telephone Number _____
10. Email Address _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing and any attached statements are true, accurate and complete. I agree that any misstatement, misrepresentation or omission of a fact may result in my disqualification for appointment. I assign and hereby give the Texas State University System component college or university full authority to conduct background investigations pertinent to this application.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

The student applicant is in good standing and, to the best of my knowledge, has met all obligations to which he/she has committed to the university.

Office of the Dean of Students: __Yes __No Initials: _____ Date: _____

Office of the Registrar (verify GPA provided above): Initials: _____ Date: _____

Criminal Records Check Completed by Appropriate Official: Initials: _____ Date: _____

For purposes of objectivity, this page and the Governor's Appointment Application will be removed from the remainder of the packet prior to being forwarded to the Texas State University System office.

Unique Student ID: _____ (Determined by the Nominating Campus)

Educational Background

- 11. Please check your class standing for spring term 2006:
 _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Graduate
- 12. Will you be enrolled as a student at this university continuously through the 2006-2007 academic year? _____ Yes _____ No (*See the information provided by Senate Bill 34 on the last two pages of this packet to determine if you qualify as being continuously enrolled through the academic year.*)
- 13. What is your Major? _____ Minor? _____
- 14. What is your intended degree and expected year of award? _____
- 15. What is your overall grade point average as of the latest completed semester? _____
- 16. To the best of your knowledge, are you in good standing at the present time with the university in all respects, with no delinquent financial obligations or pending disciplinary actions? _____ Yes _____ No
- 17. Have you been disciplined while attending this or any other institution of higher education for infractions of university policy? _____ Yes _____ No
- 18. List all colleges or universities you have attended with the dates you attended and any degrees you were awarded:

Institution Attended	Dates Attended	Semester Credit Hours Completed	Degree Awarded

- 19. Provide references below (limit three). One of your references must be a faculty member of this system/university who is familiar with your academic work and/or extracurricular leadership. Please notify your references at the time you submit this

application that they may be called or asked to submit a letter of reference. Letters of reference are not required at this time.

Name/Title	Relationship to Applicant	Email Address	Telephone Number (including area code)

On additional paper, please respond to the questions below. Limit your response to each question to not more than 250 words. Finally, you may wish to include your resumé with this application (limit two pages).

20. Brief Essay: Explain your interest in serving on the board of regents of the Texas State University System and identify the issues you wish to address as a board member.
21. List participation in student activities and social organizations at this or other higher education campuses, including the approximate beginning month/year and ending month/year, noting where service as an officer applies.
22. List participation in civic and/or social organizations not affiliated with higher education, including the approximate beginning month/year and ending month/year, noting where service as an officer applies.
23. List any employment or other experiences that you deem to be significant.



GOVERNOR RICK PERRY

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

1. Personal Information

Name		
Spouse's Name		
Home Address		
City, State Zip		
County	State Senator	State Representative
Home Telephone - -	Home Fax - -	Cellular - -
Work Telephone - -	Work Fax - -	E-Mail Address

2. Photograph

3. Employment Information

Employer	Employer's Address	Present Job Title
		Profession
Present Job Description		

4. Gubernatorial Appointment(s) of Interest to You:

5. Education/Training

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School			
Undergraduate			
Graduate			
Other			
Name			

6. Military Service

12. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

Do you or your spouse have any material interest in, or are either of you employed by, any company that does business with or receives funds from the State of Texas? If yes, give full name and details:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Name of Company	Details

Describe any litigation in which you or your spouse has been party or any litigation involving a company in which you or your spouse has a material interest.	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

Do you currently serve, or have you ever served, on any local, state or federal government board, commission or committee or in any elected or appointed office?					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Entity	Position	Dates	Compensated	Reimbursed	

Are you or your spouse an officer, director, employee or paid consultant of a trade association? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Self
If yes, please list association and position:	Spouse

Have you or your spouse ever been registered as a lobbyist or received compensation to represent someone before a local, state, or federal government?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Self or Spouse	Entity Represented	Entity Lobbied	Dates	

Have you ever been arrested? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Have you been convicted in a criminal proceeding or been named subject of any pending criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations)? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Have you filed federal income tax returns for the past five (5) years? If no, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Name

12. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

Are you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest currently delinquent in any local, state or federal taxes? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest or of which you have been an officer or principal been involved in any bankruptcy proceeding? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Have you ever defaulted on a personal, business or student loan? If yes, give details.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Type of Loan	Date	Details	

In the last five years, have you, or any company in which you have a material interest, been licensed by a Texas state agency? If yes, give details.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Type of License	License #	Expiration	

To the best of your knowledge, has any federal, state or local law enforcement or regulatory agency (on behalf of itself or any other person or entity) filed or investigated any grievance or complaint against you, your spouse, or an entity in which you have a material interest? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, dismissed, reprimanded)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Date	Details and Disposition	

To the best of your knowledge, have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest been investigated, reprimanded, fined or suspended from doing business with any state or federal agency? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, reprimanded, fined, suspended)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Date	Details and Disposition	

Have you ever been delinquent in child support payments? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

Has your driver license ever been suspended? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Section 13. Certification

Full Legal Name			
Date of Birth	/ / 19	Texas Driver License or DPS ID#	
Are you a U.S. Citizen?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Ethnicity: (Optional)			
<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> African-American	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		

Notes:

- **Appointment to a Board or Commission may require the annual filing of a Personal Financial Statement (PFS) Form with the Texas Ethics Commission.**
- **A resume must be attached in order for this application to be considered complete.**
- **Judicial candidates must also complete a Judicial Questionnaire.**
- **Any information provided on this application or on an attachment may be subject to the Texas Public Information Act.**

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the foregoing and any attached statements are true, accurate and complete. I agree that any misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission of a fact may result in my disqualification for appointment. I assign and hereby give the Office of the Governor full authority to conduct background investigations pertinent to this application. I specifically authorize the Texas Department of Public Safety to conduct a background investigation and to disclose the results of that investigation to the Governor or his authorized representative.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Submit to: Appointments Division
 Office of Governor Rick Perry
 PO Box 12428
 Austin, Texas 78711

(512) 463-1828
 (512) 475-2576 fax
www.governor.state.tx.us

Overview of Enabling Legislation

The following information is taken from the statute establishing the office of student regent. (This was established by Senate Bill 34 from the 79th Texas Legislature.)

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 September 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 the position of student regent. Not later than November 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, with the name of each applicant and the name of the institution or unit in which the applicant is enrolled removed, 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 December 1. The governor may request to review all applications for the position of student regent received by the student governments and may request to review information required to be removed from an application by a student government under this subsection. On February 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 February 1. The governor is not required to appoint an applicant recommended by the chancellor.
- (d) A student regent must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in a general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit in the university system at the time of appointment and throughout the student regent's term. 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.
- (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.