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TEXAS COWBOYS

The University of Texas at Austin

Letter from the Selection Chair

Dear Potential Applicant,

For nearly a century, the Texas Cowboys has been an integral part of the University of Texas at Austin. Founded in 1922 to satisfy the need of a men's service organization, members have proudly provided the UT campus with leadership, character, spirit, and service.

Today, Texas Cowboys remains one of the oldest student organizations on campus and consists of men from all aspects of campus life. Texas Cowboys wear customized hat and chaps to symbolize the organization's rich history and dedication to service. Collectively, Texas Cowboys contribute over 3,000 hours of community service a year to the Austin community. The Cowboys have contributed not only time, but have also raised more than \$300,000 to its philanthropy, The Arc of the Capital Area, through initiatives such as the Harvest Moon annual benefit concert and the Spring BBQ held on campus. The organization also hosts an education opportunity for the student body through the Texas Cowboys Lectureship Series. This past year, Shaun White, inspirational speaker and professional snowboarder who holds three Snowboarding Men's Halfpipe Olympic gold medals. In 1953, the organization's prominence reached new heights after being trusted to maintain and transport *Smokey the Cannon*. Smokey has appeared at countless charity and volunteer events across the country.

This Fall, we are looking to recruit 25 dedicated men to not only lead, but also serve. Each semester, a New Man Class is inducted into Texas Cowboys after successfully completing the application and interview process. Interested men are encouraged to submit an application, which will be read by the selection committee. Qualified applicants will be granted an interview with the Selection Committee, Texas Cowboys Foreman (President), alumni, and university representatives. After the interview, the New Man Class will be selected and inducted into Texas Cowboys.

We strongly encourage all interested applicants to attend the Texas Cowboys information session, as well as, other events on the recruitment schedule listed on the following pages. Our website texascowboys.org and our [Facebook page](#) are great resources for you to learn more about Texas Cowboys. Before you begin the application process, please be aware of the requirements listed on the following pages. For your convenience, you will find eligibility requirements, expectations, and an application guide. Please read the information very carefully and be sure to follow all instructions.

I will be available to all applicants throughout the application process. My contact information is below in the application guide; Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the recruitment process, the application, or what membership in Texas Cowboys entails. Again, we thank you for expressing interest in becoming a Texas Cowboy. We wish you the best of luck throughout the application process.

I look forward to seeing you give the best you have to Texas.

Hook 'em Horns,

Trevor Carr

Texas Cowboys Selection Chair

APPLICATION GUIDE

Incomplete applications or applications that fail to follow these directions will not be considered.

Selection Chair Contact Information:

Any questions that you might have should be referred to:

Trevor Carr
Selection Chair
(903) 330-6143
selectionchair@texascowboys.org

Selection Committee Members: Andrew Bramlett, Blake McLendon, Colin Markes, Drew Van Norman, Griffin Doyle, Jake Wilk, Keaton Richmond, Will Furst

Fall 2018 Eligibility Requirements

- **Scholarship:** A minimum 2.5 GPA without rounding. Traditional students must have completed three UT Semesters. Transfer and graduate students must have completed two UT semesters.
- **Leadership:** Demonstration of leadership skills and responsibility.
- **Service:** A commitment to campus and community affairs with a desire to help others and contribute to The University of Texas at Austin.

Applicants who are planning to study abroad or to not be enrolled in-residence for any other reason during Fall 2018 are ineligible to apply.

Fall 2018 Recruitment Schedule:

- **Information Session/ Meet & Greet:** Tuesday, September 11th at 4:30 PM in the Connally Ballroom of the Etter-Harbin Alumni Center (Across from the stadium)
 - *Applicants will have the opportunity to meet members of the selection committee, as well as, hear experiences from Alumni and Actives. The application will also be discussed. Dress is business casual.*
- **Application Office Hours:** September 13th at Flawn Academic Center from 2:00-4:00pm
 - *Last minute questions? Take the opportunity to discuss any questions regarding the application with members of the Selection Committee.*
- **Application Deadline is at 12:00 pm on Friday, September 14th**

New Man Expectations

- We are looking for exceptional men who already demonstrate our pillars of scholarship, leadership, and service, and who promise to fully commit to the initiatives and activities of Texas Cowboys.
- All members are expected to uphold the traditions and legacy of Texas Cowboys and the University and to respectfully represent each in order to gain the honor of wearing his chaps and hat.
- Every Texas Cowboy is required to attend weekly meetings on Wednesdays from 8:00-9:00pm.
- New Man must also commit to staying at least an additional hour each week (6:30-7:30pm) for the New Man meeting.
- Each member of Texas Cowboys is expected to meet the service, hosting, and philanthropy requirements decided upon at the beginning of each academic year.
- New Man will be required to volunteer at Rosedale Elementary School one hour per week
- In addition, each New Man Class must work together to plan and execute a semester project, serving the University or the Austin area in a meaningful way.

- New Man will be responsible for New Man dues and the purchasing of their hat and chaps; payment plans and scholarships are available.
- New Man will be expected to attend New Man Retreat

Please read the following notes on these sections:

Résumé: Please include a **one-page** resume with each set of your application documents (total of ten copies). Please include the following on your résumé:

- **Scholarship:** List degree, major, GPA, and expected graduation date. Then list in bullet points any extra academic experiences you have had such as study abroad, fellowships, or research.
- **Leadership:** List student organization involvement, position, dates involved, and description of duties.
- **Service:** List service organizations or projects, position, dates involved, and description of duties.
- **Work Experience:** List internships, research, part-time positions, dates held, and description of duties.
- **Honors & Awards:** List significant honors, awards, and scholarships and the date awarded.

Essays: The following questions are to be answered in **no more** than two typed, single-spaced pages total. Please use Times New Roman 12 point font with 1” margins. Be sure to check for spelling and grammatical errors. Please number your responses to the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be a Texas Cowboy? What will you bring to the organization that sets you apart as an applicant?
2. Please briefly describe your strengths and goals for your time at the University of Texas and afterwards.
3. The core purpose of the University of Texas at Austin is “to transform lives for the benefit of society.” Describe an experience since arriving to the University of Texas that you are most proud. How has this experience contributed to your transformation as a leader and a potential Cowboy?
4. Texas Cowboy’s motto “Give the best you have to Texas, and the best will come back to you” represents devotion to service of the UT community. Please, describe a specific service event that you have participated in and what it means to give back to others
5. If selected to join the Texas Cowboys, what other commitments do you have that might interfere with New Man activities and meetings? Please approximate usual meeting days and hours for each.
6. One paragraph optional free response. Please use this space to write anything about yourself that you feel would help the Selection Committee get to know you better.

Letter of Recommendation: Applicants may wish to attach an optional recommendation from any member of the faculty and administration, Cowboy alum, or employer. Please note that these recommendations are not required for a fair review of the application. Please include one copy of the letter in a sealed envelope with your other application materials. Recommendations letters may also be faxed to the Office of the Dean of Students (see contact information on the next page). Multiple copies are not needed.

Instructions for Turning in the Application:

Application Deadline is Friday, September 14th, at Noon. Late applications will not be accepted.

When submitting your application, please include ten sets. Each set should **be hole-punched and individually stapled** in the following order: Personal Information Sheet, Signature Page, Resume, and Essay Responses. You should also include one signed copy of the information disclosure form, and any letters of

recommendation. Please email one color photo headshot to selectionchair@texascowboys.org. Do **NOT** include additional pages with your application beyond what is requested.

All of your application materials should be submitted together in a single manila envelope to:

Susan Buckenmeyer
Office of the Dean of Students
Student Organization Center – UA9 Building
2609 University Avenue
Austin, TX 78712
Phone: (512) 471-3065
FAX: (512) 471-6273

Interviews and Finalists Dinner

All applicants will be notified of interview status by the evening of Saturday, September 22nd and interviews for the finalists will take place September 23rd through September 25th.

Applicants granted an interview will also be invited and encouraged to attend a social hour and dinner on an evening(s) of the week of September 17th.

Note: Please DO NOT submit any of these pages before the Personal Information Sheet. These pages are strictly for informational purposes

Application Checklist:

- Personal Information Sheet (10 copies)
- Signature Page (10 copies)
- Resume (10 copies)
- Essay Questions (10 copies)
- Information Disclosure (1 copy)
- Sealed Letter of Recommendation (1 copy)
- Emailed Photo to Selection Committee



**TEXAS COWBOYS NEW MAN
APPLICATION
PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET**

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Date:

Name (Last, First, Middle):

Preferred Name:

UTEID:

University Address:

Permanent Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Date of Birth:

Classification by year:

Number of completed semesters at UT (excluding Fall 2018):

College(s) prior to UT, if applicable:

Semesters spent at alternative college(s), if applicable:

Hours Completed:

Current Hours:

Expected Graduation Date:

Major(s):

Overall GPA:

Have you applied to Texas Cowboys before (Yes or No)?:

Please list one non-family reference to speak on your behalf that will be contacted by the Selection Committee (this can be the same person who wrote a letter of recommendation or someone different)

Reference name:

Reference phone number:

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SIGNATURE PAGE

I affirm that I have read the Mission, Purpose, Core Values, and Criteria for Membership in the Texas Cowboys and agree to participate in an interview process with members of the organization's Selection Committee, if selected.

*Signature of Applicant

I affirm that I am currently enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin as a full-time student and that I do not have a disciplinary record with the University.

*Signature of Applicant

I affirm that hazing is under no circumstance acceptable within Texas Cowboys and The University of Texas at Austin, and I understand that I will need to follow the rules and hazing policies set forth by the Texas Cowboys Alumni Association and Chapter 14. Prohibition of Hazing by The University of Texas at Austin, if selected.

*Signature of Applicant

If you cannot affirm these statements, please attach an explanation of no more than 500 words to your application.

**Please make sure to handwrite your signature— do not simply type your name.*

STUDENT'S AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION IN EDUCATION RECORDS PERSUANT TO THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA) OF 1974, AS AMENDED. The Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 stipulates that parental/third party access to a student's judicial record must be authorized in writing by the student.

I hereby authorize Student Conduct and Academic Integrity in the Office of the Dean of Students at The University of Texas at Austin to disclose the following information, documents, etc., contained in my education record:

Any documented formal, reportable discipline records related to me, in addition to my semester and cumulative grade point average.

To:

Staff members of the Office of the Dean of Students at The University of Texas at Austin.

For the purpose of:

Verifying information submitted on the Cowboys application for membership. If any formal, reportable disciplinary records are found in association with my name, I authorize the Dean of Students staff to convey such information to the selection chairman of the Cowboys.

This waiver will become null at such date that the student cancels the waiver or self-determined expiration date.

Student Name (Print)

Student Signature

UTEID Number

_____/_____/_____
Date

_____/_____/_____
Date Ended