

TEXAS CIVIC AMBASSADORS

A YEAR OF SERVICE, EDUCATION, AND LEADERSHIP SUPPORTING CIVIC LIFE IN TEXAS.

Research shows that college-aged youth are less likely than adults to contact their elected officials, talk about politics, and participate in elections. We know that young people who gain the knowledge, skills, and dispositions required to participate in civic problem-solving have greater confidence in their ability to do so.

The Texas Civic Ambassador program is designed to enhance students' understanding of democratic principles, further develop civic identities, and foster reflective and strategic civic action. During the year-long ambassadorship, students will gain the knowledge and skills to engage in the political process and promote civic engagement on their campuses and communities.

Program Components

The program features an intensive 4-day civic leadership summit with a robust research-based curriculum, deliberative dialogue training, and year-long ambassadorships that foster reflective and strategic civic action.

During the year-long program, students support the Institute's mission to strengthen our state's "civic health" by conducting a non/bipartisan civic outreach project in their communities. Program staff, local advisors, and our extended ASI network support the TCA cohort by providing mentorship, and continued guidance in areas such as project development, administration, and outreach.

The Texas Civic Ambassadors (TCA) program seeks to identify and cultivate a generation of civic leaders.

Program Benefits:

- Educational opportunities that will deepen participants understanding of our democracy and the current state of civic life.
- Guidance for developing effective communication and outreach plans; hosting deliberative dialogues and nonpartisan events; and innovative methods for audience engagement.
- Professional development opportunities to develop skills necessary for a successful careers in politics, civic engagement and community leadership.
- The knowledge and skills to become leaders and innovators in driving the way we share information and engage every-day citizens in the vital work of self-governance.



APPLICATION

The application deadline for the 2021-2022 TCA program is June 25, 2021.

In-person and phone interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis as a next step in the selection process. A limited number of students will be selected.

Apply at bit.ly/2020TXleaders

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Young adults who are currently enrolled at a college or university in Texas and who are passionate about our democracy and the civic health of their communities.

Ideal candidates will be emerging leaders who are seeking educational opportunities to take their civic engagement to the next level.

The program seeks young adults from across the partisan spectrum and from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. All majors are encouraged to apply.