

The Texas Lyceum

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

What is The Texas Lyceum?

The Texas Lyceum is an association of Texans whose purposes are to:

1. identify and develop the next generation of top leadership in the State of Texas;
2. educate its Directors by identifying and exploring the interrelationship of major issues facing Texas;
3. help bring a better understanding of these issues to the state's key decision makers; and
4. promote an appreciation of the responsibilities of stewardship of the values, traditions, and resources of Texas.

The Lyceum acts as a catalyst to bring together diverse opinions and expertise to focus on national and state issues, and seeks to emphasize constructive private sector, public sector and individual responses to the issues.

To accomplish these purposes, the Lyceum holds an annual Public Conference, conducts the Texas Lyceum Poll, a nationally acclaimed opinion poll, publishes the *Texas Lyceum Journal*, a compilation of articles and essays on the Public Conference topic, and convenes programs for the Directors to explore and discuss key economic and social issues of the state and nation.

The Texas Lyceum is comprised of a 96-member Board of Directors from across the State. Each Director has demonstrated leadership abilities in their communities and across the State. The Lyceum Directors are active, involved and interested in contributing their talents and time to the betterment of Texas.

How does it function?

The Lyceum Directors meet four times each year in quarterly meetings across the state. The topic and format of each meeting depends upon input from the Board of Directors but usually addresses timely topics through presentation by experts and interaction between Lyceum Directors.

How does a person apply for membership?

Applicants must complete a Membership Application and submit two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a Lyceum Director or alumnus.

How does the recruitment process work?

Once a year, Directors and Alumni nominate individuals to be elected as Directors for a three-year term. A Director may be re-elected to a second three-year term. After candidates are reviewed by the Annual Nominating Committee, a slate of nominees is presented to the current Directors who then vote on that slate.

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What are the obligations of membership?

Attend, Engage and Be Financially Responsible.

Specifically, Directors are expected to participate actively in discussions, reflect on the issues facing Texas, and commit to addressing challenges. The best and most robust discussions are when all Lyceum Directors participate. To that end, the Lyceum's attendance policy is strictly adhered to: Directors must attend at least five quarterly meetings during a consecutive two-year period, at least two of which must be in one calendar year.

Each term begins on January 1st of each year. No person's first term as a Director may begin on or after that person's 46th birthday.

The financial commitment of membership is as follows:

- (a) Annual Dues: \$500.00
- (b) Meeting Fee: Registration of \$200 per meeting (four meetings per year-includes meeting activities and most meals on Friday and Saturday) OR you can elect our meeting package of \$500 for all four Quarterly Meetings.
- (c) Expenses: Directors are also responsible for the cost of personal travel, hotel and meals to a meeting not included in the registration fee. Every attempt is made to minimize expenses of the meetings.

Finally, while it is not a requirement that Directors help raise funds, it is our expectation that the successful applicant understands the importance of fundraising to tax-exempt organizations, like The Texas Lyceum, and accordingly, will help with these efforts as a Director.

For further information contact:

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Application Deadline: September 1, 2011. Applications must be submitted via email to:

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Kathryne Hillier
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Family and Other Personal Interests

Please tell us about your spouse, children, and other interests pertinent to this application.

State briefly why you want to participate actively in The Texas Lyceum and its programs.

Please list all Lyceum members (Directors and Alumni) with whom you are acquainted.

I understand the obligations and responsibilities of Directors of the Texas Lyceum to be:

1. Attend and participate in five meetings in a consecutive two-year period, of which two must be in one calendar year.
2. Contribute or cause to be contributed \$500.00 in annual dues to the Lyceum on or before March 1 during each year of your term.
3. Support the efforts to raise needed funds for the Lyceum's activities.
4. Attend, support and participate in the annual Lyceum Public Conference, meetings of the Lyceum committees and task forces on which you serve, and other Lyceum-sponsored events and programs.
5. Encourage attendance by others at Lyceum-sponsored events, especially the Public Conference.
6. Make visits to business and financial leaders in your community to seek support for the Lyceum.
7. Call on publishers and editors of your local newspapers and encourage their attendance and coverage of Lyceum sponsored events.
8. Make a special effort to assure participation in the Lyceum and its activities by a broad diversity of individuals.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Nominated by: _____

Date