

Texas Foundation for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

Constitution and By-Laws

ARTICLE 1

NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Texas Foundation for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, herein known as the Foundation. The Foundation is a non-profit entity incorporated in the State of Texas.

ARTICLE 2

Purpose

The purpose of the Foundation is to annually select graduate and undergraduate students who are to receive a Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (TAHPERD) Student Scholarship and to oversee and manage the invested scholarship funds of the Foundation.

ARTICLE 3

Membership

Section 3.1. The Foundation shall consist of nine (9) voting members, including the Chair. Members should represent various geographical areas, professional disciplines, and education levels when possible. These members will include the Chair of the College Committee (ex officio), Chair of the Student Section (ex officio), and Chair of the Trustees (ex officio). Other Foundation members and the Chair shall be appointed by the TAHPERD President and approved by the TAHPERD Board of Directors.

Section 3.2. Appointed members will serve three-year terms. The ex officio members' term of office will expire when their ex officio office expires.

Section 3.3. Members who have served a full three-year (3) term may not immediately succeed themselves as Foundation members.

ARTICLE 4

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Section 4.1. Funds for the TAHPERD Student Scholarships were created in 1964 and are invested to generate funds to be awarded each year. Funds are also collected through donations and from profits generated by the TAHPERD Store at the Annual Convention and Summer Conference.

Section 4.2. Each year a maximum of three scholarships may be awarded.

4.2.1 When possible, two scholarships will go to undergraduate students. If there are not enough undergraduate applications or the undergraduate applications received do not meet a high enough score, one or both of these undergraduate scholarships may be awarded to a graduate student or not given.

4.2.2 When possible, one scholarship will go to a graduate student. If there are not enough graduate applications or the graduate applications received do not meet a high enough score, this graduate scholarship may be awarded to an undergraduate student or not given.

4.2.3 All scholarships will be of equal value.

4.2.4 The amount of the scholarships will be determined based on the amount of financial interest generated by the invested funds and monies donated.

ARTICLE 5

Timelines, Procedures, and Responsibilities

Section 5.1. Timelines and Procedures

December 1 – January 31: Foundation members will solicit applicants for the TAHPERD scholarships. The state office will send requests to all Texas college and university HPERD department chairs and to TAHPERD students to advertise scholarships and distribute applications.

February 1: Scholarship applications due to state office.

February 10: State office checks eligibility of student applicants.

February 20: State office forwards copies of student applications to Foundation members.

March 31: Rating forms are due from Foundation members to Chair.

April 15: Chair tallies results and selects one graduate individual with the highest score and at least one and no more than two undergraduate individuals with the highest scores to receive a scholarship.

April 16: In the event of a tie, the Chair will submit a rating form to the Foundation members for them to re-evaluate those involved in the tie.

April 20: Tie breaking rating forms due back to Chair.

April 25: The Chair notifies the scholarship recipients and the state office of those selected.

June 1: The TAHPERD Office will mail letters of congratulations from the TAHPERD President to all scholarship recipients with information on the Awards presentations at the TAHPERD Convention and a request for a biography and picture. The TAHPERD Office will also verify the spelling of the recipients' name, etc.

June 2: The TAHPERD Office will mail letters to the non-recipients from the TAHPERD President explaining they did not receive a scholarship and encouraging them to reapply next year. The letter will include the recipients for that year's scholarships.

July 1: Award recipient information for the award to be returned to the TAHPERD Office.

Section 5.2. Responsibilities

Foundation members will:

- 5.2.1 participate in reviewing and when necessary, updating the Foundation Bylaws
- 5.2.2 participate in all meetings of the Foundation
- 5.2.3 participate in the TAHPERD Scholarship selection process

TAHPERD Office will:

- 5.2.4 An appropriate scholarship certificate and check shall be presented to the recipient(s) at the TAHPERD Awards Dinner. The recipient(s) will be recognized at a general session during the annual convention. The TAHPERD office shall have the responsibility for the preparation of the certificate and check.
- 5.2.5 An announcement of the recipients of the scholarships, together with appropriate pictures and biographical summaries, shall be published in the Fall issue of the TAHPERD Journal. The TAHPERD office shall be responsible for sending a "standard press release" to the scholarship recipients' for disbursement to their local newspaper.

ARTICLE 6

TAHPERD Scholarship Qualifications and Credentials

Section 6.1. Qualifications verified at the TAHPERD Office

- 6.1.1 The applicant must have been a student member of TAHPERD prior to January 1 of the year for which he/she is to be considered for the scholarship.
- 6.1.2 An application for membership at the time of applying for the scholarship is unacceptable.

Section 6.2. Criteria for a Scholarship

The applicant for the TAHPERD Scholarship must:

- 6.2.1 be a Texas college student majoring in the discipline(s) of health, physical education, recreation, and/or dance
- 6.2.2 have been enrolled as a full time student during the fall semester prior to applying
- 6.2.3 continue as a full time student during the spring semester of the application
- 6.2.4 be enrolled as a full time student for the academic year (both fall and spring semesters) during the year they receive the award
- 6.2.5 must have at least a 2.5 GPA overall
- 6.2.6 provide two letters of recommendation from faculty members in the program covering academic and professional qualifications
- 6.2.7 provide a letter of recommendation from a person outside the academic program covering personal qualifications
- 6.2.8 provide a copy of a current transcript (does not have to be an "official" transcript)

Section 6.3. Foundation Rating Procedures

- 6.3.1 The TAHPERD office will verify each student's current membership requirements.
- 6.3.2 Foundation members shall rate each candidate from one to ten (1-10) on each of the remaining seven (7) criteria. The highest possible score for all seven categories would be seventy (70) points.
- 6.3.3 The Chair will tabulate the ratings of the Foundation members and select the candidate(s) with the highest average rating. In order to receive the scholarship, a candidate must have an average rating of sixty (60) points or better equaling an 85% average.
- 6.3.4 If two (2) or more persons are tied, the Chair will send the names of these candidates to the Foundation members for ranking. All candidates must be ranked. A maximum of three scholarships will be given in any one year.

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