



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Who can apply for the YES! program?

Rising high school juniors and seniors who are members of any PTA including Lone Star Statewide PTA. (Joining PTA is easy! Visit [JoinPTA.org](http://JoinPTA.org) or ask the school office.)

## How long should I allow to complete the online application?

To assist candidates in completing their application, download an Application Summary from the Texas PTA website ([www.txpta.org/yes](http://www.txpta.org/yes)) for a detailed overview of all required questions. We suggest preparing your responses in advance to help ensure a smooth application process. All responses must be a minimum of 150 words and may not exceed 300 words. Working in advance will reduce the time (less than 20 minutes) to complete the application.

## What is the focus of the YES! program?

The YES! program will provide young Texans with meaningful insight into the workings of policymaking and the art of civic engagement. Students will leave with new skills to be applied in their own communities — on campus, online, and in the field when serving others.

## Where will students stay during the program?

All YES! participants will stay in a hotel in downtown Austin near the Capitol Building and the Texas PTA State Office. Each participant will be assigned a roommate of the same gender. There will also be onsite chaperones.

## Who are the chaperones?

Students will be surrounded by Texas PTA staff, board members, and volunteers during their stay. In addition, background checked volunteers will serve as chaperones accompanying students throughout their stay.

## How will dietary restrictions be accommodated?

Together, parents and students should fill out and submit the “Student Disclosure Form” to address any dietary needs based on medical diagnosis or lifestyle choice. We will work with families directly to clarify meal options. Students will always have an opportunity to select a meal choice that works for them.

## We have family in Austin, can we arrange for them to visit?

Student safety is our priority. No students will be allowed to leave campus during the program nor will we accept guests due to background check requirements.

## Can a student bring their own vehicle?

We highly encourage parents to accompany their students to YES! on the first day. There will be a family luncheon where both parents and students can get to know the other families, Texas PTA staff and chaperones. This is a great opportunity for parents to learn more about what students will encounter during this transformative experience. If students drive themselves or travel on their own, they will not be allowed to use their vehicle until check-out on the last day.

## My student will need to fly to Austin. How will they be transported to the YES! program?

Texas PTA will work directly with any families who need ground transportation to and from Austin Bergstrom International Airport.

## Are there any fees associated with the YES! program?

There is a registration fee of \$250. The application is free and non-binding with a \$75 deposit due April 30. The final payment of \$175 is due by May 15. Payments will be made to Texas PTA. To pay online, [submit this form](#).

## Is there a role for parents in the program?

Parents are invited to our Welcome Luncheon at check-in on Sunday, June 7. This is a great opportunity for parents to learn more about what students will encounter during this transformative experience.

## Who can we contact with additional questions?

Contact the Texas PTA Programs Department at [programs@txpta.org](mailto:programs@txpta.org) with any questions.