



Liberal Arts Council

Spring 2026 New Member Application

This application will be due September 5th at 11:59 PM. Please use this document as a template and copy its contents onto your own document. Once completed, upload document(s) to this Google Form: [LAC Fall 2026 Application Form](#)

Link is case sensitive

Section One: Required Responses

As our application process is blind, please refrain from stating your name in any of the following answers. Please respond to all questions below in 350 words per question MAX.

1. Why are you choosing to pursue an education in the College of Liberal Arts?
2. What unique perspective could you bring to Liberal Arts Council?
3. Each semester, the New Member class is tasked with planning and executing a project that impacts the College of Liberal Arts. Said project can be a singular event or an ongoing initiative. Please provide us with a detailed description of what project you would like to implement should you become a LAC New Member.
4. Why do you want to be placed in the **two committees** you listed below? (be specific for each committee)

Section Two: Short Responses

As our application process is blind, please refrain from stating your name in any of the following answers. Please choose TWO questions to answer in 300 words each or less.

1. Why would you like to join Liberal Arts Council?
2. What would you do if you had 24 hours left?
3. If you had to teach a mini-workshop on anything, what would it be and why?

4. Aliens are real, and humanity has chosen you as its spokesperson. What would you talk about?
5. What would you be buried with to confuse future archaeologists, and why?
6. If you could instantly master any hobby, what would it be and why?

Section Three: Committee Assignments

The Liberal Arts Council consists of eight committees, each with a distinct mission focused on student advocacy within the College of Liberal Arts. Please review the descriptions below and indicate your top two committee preferences if selected as a member of LAC. While we make every effort to place members in one of their preferred committees, placement is not guaranteed, and members may be assigned to a different committee.

Primary Choice:

Secondary Choice:

Academic Affairs Committee

The Academic Affairs committee develops college-wide events that enrich the student academic experience in Liberal Arts by connecting students with faculty and resources. The committee plans and hosts town halls to better identify widespread student issues and formulate solutions. The committee also facilitates the distribution of \$12,000 in study abroad scholarships each year.

Advocacy & Engagement Committee

The Advocacy & Engagement Committee focuses on improving the experience of underrepresented students in the College of Liberal Arts. The committee develops and enacts events and initiatives that raise awareness and promote education about marginalized communities across COLA and UT. The committee also leads biweekly Advocacy Subcommittee meetings that facilitate meaningful discussion among COLA students, identify issues affecting marginalized populations at UT and the greater Austin community, and provide an avenue for students to share their perspectives and concerns as it relates to A&E's priority areas.

Campus & Community Focus Committee

The Campus and Community Focus Committee fosters service-minded individuals within the College of Liberal Arts. Internally, the committee serves as a collaborative space where members are encouraged to propose service initiatives and partner with co-chairs to turn ideas into action. Externally, it represents liberal arts students by providing volunteer opportunities and leading targeted service initiatives. The Campus and Community Focus Committee Co-chairs and members will work together in bringing new opportunities to the council in terms of sponsors and

funding, as well as continuing management of the 40 for Forty initiative. Our goal is to unite and strengthen our community by serving and supporting others.

The Liberator Magazine

The Liberator Magazine is COLA's official literary magazine. It highlights COLA student voices through written content of all genres. Staff writers collaborate with editors and graphic designers to create cohesive creative work. In the fall, staff writers publish monthly content on The Liberator's website and work towards a print edition throughout the spring. Any COLA student interested in graphic design, editing, or writing has a place in The Liberator.

Student Affairs Committee

The Student Affairs Committee focuses on student physical and mental well-being. The committee seeks to promote student welfare by connecting students to on-campus resources, hosting general wellness events, and fostering community within the college of Liberal Arts. The Student Affairs Committee is focused on planning events and resources for students in the College of Liberal Arts to be better connected to the university and mental health.

Traditions Committee

The Traditions committee aims to create an inclusive environment through planning and executing diverse events that foster relationships, build community, and connect members within the Liberal Arts Council. The Traditions committee takes pride in creating chances for people to bond, ensuring that members within the council feel comfortable. We offer various social events monthly that create a supportive and fun environment, such as a talent show, general member retreat, intramural sports, and the end-of-year banquet. We're here to make the Liberal Arts Council feel like a community, not just an organization.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee promotes engagement with policy within the Liberal Arts Council and across the College of Liberal Arts. It researches, drafts, proposes, and helps implement legislation, giving students a way to express and address concerns about academics or student life at UT. The committee also facilitates the council's voting process and helps coordinate policy efforts with the Senate of College Councils' standing committees.

Publicity Committee

The Publicity Committee engages in all committees to ensure their events and programs are publicized to the University. Assignments include designing graphics and flyers, designing our monthly newsletter, handling LAC social media, maintaining internal communication within the council, event photography, and external communication with other University organizations.

Section Four: Required Documents

REQUIRED FOR LIBERATOR APPLICANTS ONLY:

Please submit either a writing sample or a visual portfolio. Writing samples should reflect the type of work you are interested in contributing to the magazine, including creative writing, academic writing, or journalism. If you are submitting a visual portfolio, it may include photography, graphic design, or other forms of visual art and should demonstrate the type of visual content you would like to contribute to the magazine. Do not include your name on any materials. Liberator samples must be submitted through the Google Form linked on Page 1.

Thank you for your application!

Any questions can be directed towards Isabella Bartz at membership.utlac@gmail.com. Visit our website www.utlac.org to learn more about LAC and stay updated with us through Instagram [@utlacouncil](https://www.instagram.com/utlacouncil).

We look forward to hearing from you soon!