

Texas Wranglers
Established 1979
The University of Texas at Austin



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Fall 2025 Maverick Application

Letter from John Wood, Head Recruitment Chair

Dear Potential Applicant,

Since 1979, the Texas Wranglers have served the University of Texas at Austin as the official spirit organization of the Texas Longhorn's Men's Basketball Team. Being a Texas Wrangler is more than just an arbitrary title; it is a set standard in excellence, realization of one's goals, and unyielding determination. Our founder, Kevin J. Lilly, established the Texas Wranglers to deliver a timeless message to young men at the University of Texas at Austin: to devote oneself to their fellow man and their community.

The Texas Wranglers have cemented a lasting legacy that will continue well beyond our respective tenures at this university. Gilded into our organization, our three pillars of Scholarship, Leadership, and Athletic Ability guide us in all our activities. Whether demonstrating athletic prowess in our signature 'Black & Golds', showing fierce spirit on game days in our Howdy Attire and brown cowboy hats, or leading within the community, all Texas Wranglers are united by a willingness to become the best version of themselves. We pride ourselves on hosting some of the best social events, winning multiple intramural championships, and weekly community service. The pinnacle of our commitment to service is the City Wide Hold-Up Event, wherein we have raised approximately \$25,000 annually for our primary philanthropy: Easter Seals Lonestar.

Ultimately, all members of the Texas Wranglers can attest that the Maverick Program, the semester-long new member process that prospective Wranglers must complete, is responsible for many of their most admirable traits. During the Maverick Program, young men rise to the occasion in completing weekly responsibilities in addition to their studies such as community service, weekly meetings, study hours, Fireside Chats, and a rigorous workout program that cultivates one's strength of character, mind, and body like none other. Speaking from a personal standpoint, I attribute much of my work ethic and pride in my pursuits to my time as a Maverick. In addition to the vast personal growth that Mavericks experience, it would be remiss of me to fail to mention the long-lasting bonds developed among Maverick Brothers. Upon completion of the Maverick Program, you and your fellow Maverick Brothers will have an invaluable support system that will prevail years after your college experience. It is not an overstatement that the entire Wrangler organization will celebrate and support you for the rest of your life.

I encourage all applicants to visit texaswranglers.org & @texaswranglers on Instagram. Additionally, please feel free to reach out to the recruitment team at any time. I hope you have the opportunity to experience what this organization has to offer and I wish you the best of luck throughout the recruitment process.

Respectfully,
John Wood
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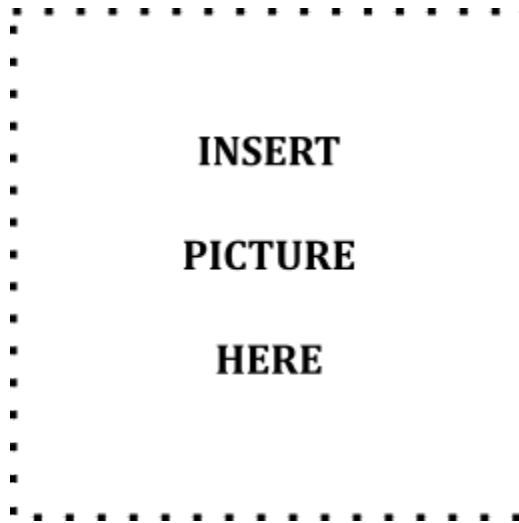
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Instructions: Fill out this application, **save file as “lastname, firstname.doc”** (.docx may also be used) and email to **wranglersrecruitment@gmail.com** with only your name (lastname, firstname) in the email subject line and no text in the body. We accept only electronic applications. **Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2025.** ALL applications submitted after the deadline will be voided.

Please respond to the following questions thoughtfully and use as much space as you find necessary. The Texas Wranglers have no tolerance for acts of dishonesty or deception. Applications are examined for accuracy and truthfulness, and candidates found to falsify or misrepresent any part of this application will be banned from the Texas Wrangler recruitment process indefinitely.

Applicants are evaluated in a holistic review process based on their overall application and interactions at events. We go through two rounds of selection in order to ensure that only those who excel in scholarship, leadership, and athletic ability are given the opportunity to become a Texas Maverick, and ultimately, a Texas Wrangler. Our selection committee decides the first round which will be based on your application as well as any interactions that you have had with our membership. You will be contacted by **September 4, 2025** if you are selected to continue to the second round of the recruitment process. If selected, we will schedule you for an in-person interview from **September 5th - 7th**. The second and final selection will be decided by our general membership and will be based on a cumulative evaluation including your interview.

Please insert into this document a photograph of yourself. *NOTE: Your photograph will NOT be used as a basis for acceptance or dismissal. Its purpose is to make your application more personal and to allow Wranglers to identify you more easily.*



General Information (All fields are required)

Legal Name:	
Preferred Name:	
UT EID:	
Email:	
Phone:	
Hometown:	
How you heard about Texas Wranglers:	

Academics

High School (HS):	
HS GPA and Scale (ex. 3.8/4.0):	
HS Class Rank (ex. 121/800)	
College GPA (If applicable):	
College Major:	

Classification by Year:	
Colleges Prior to UT (If applicable):	
Semesters Completed at UT (#):	

Athletics

Please list the sports you participated in during high school and college (high school teams, city leagues, club teams, intramurals, etc.) as well as any athletic accomplishments you have achieved (triathlon, marathon, etc.). Also, please list the number of years you competed and any honors you may have received (team captain, varsity, letters, 1st team district, etc.). List as many activities that are applicable in the blank tables. Copy and paste additional tables if needed. **Remove the top example and blank tables when complete.**

Sport/Event	High School Football	Duration	4 years
Honors	2 years varsity, team captain (senior year), 2nd team all-district (senior year)		

Sport/Event		Duration	
Honors			

Sport/Event		Duration	
Honors			

Leadership and Extracurricular Activities

Please list any organizations you were actively involved with during high school and college if applicable (religious, musical, extracurricular, academic, etc.). Please include the number of years you were involved as well as any leadership roles you took on as a member of that organization. Please list as many activities that are applicable in the blank tables. Copy and paste additional tables if needed. **Remove the top example and blank tables when complete.**

Organization	National Honor Society	Duration	3 years
Leadership Role	Vice President (junior year)		

Organization		Duration	
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Leadership Role	
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Organization		Duration	
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(Optional) *If you feel the organizations in which you've held membership, or lack thereof, do not accurately convey your leadership skills: briefly explain below in under 200 words how your actions within or outside of an organization demonstrate your leadership.*

Community Service

Please list any community service that you have performed within the last 4 years. Please list as many activities that are applicable in the blank tables. Copy and paste additional tables if needed. **Remove the top example and blank tables when complete.**

Organization	First United Methodist Church		
Description	Sunday School Teacher for 1st Graders		
Length of Service	1 hour	How Often and When	Once a week for 9 months, senior year of high school

Organization			
Description			
Length of Service		How Often and When	

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Length of Service		How Often and When	

Additional Awards and Recognitions

Please list any other awards you may have received during high school and college. Please list as many awards/recognitions that apply.

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Short Answer Questions

Please respond to the following questions. Limit each response to 200 words or less (the point is to be thoughtful and concise, not to write a full-page essay).

- 1. What motivates you to put forth your greatest effort?**
- 2. Describe an obstacle you faced as a leader, and how you overcame it and helped those around you.**
- 3. Describe a time in your life when you made a sacrifice in the interest of someone else rather than yourself.**
- 4. Why do you want to join the Texas Wranglers?**

If you are a returning applicant and have already applied during a previous semester, respond to the additional question.

What goals have you accomplished this semester or how have you demonstrated the Wrangler pillars of Scholarship, Leadership, and Athletic Ability since your last application?