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Running for a TAFE Officer FAQ

- What requirements do I need to run for Officer?
 - For Area Officer
 - Schools must have been a member of TAFE the year before they choose to run and have attended their Area Conference that year
 - All Candidates chosen to represent their school in a state officer position must:
 - Be a member in good standing of the Texas Association of Future Educators
 - Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a non-weighted scale
 - Must be a freshman, sophomore, or junior at the time of the application
 - Must be in good disciplinary standing
 - For State Officer
 - Schools must have been a member of TAFE the year before they choose to run and have attended the Teach Tomorrow Summit
 - Must have been an area officer school within the past 5 years before running for state office
 - All Candidates chosen to represent their school in a state officer position must:
 - Be a member in good standing of the Texas Association of Future Educators
 - Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a non-weighted scale
 - Must be a sophomore or junior at the time of the application
 - Must be in good disciplinary standing
- What are the basic materials that should be turned in?
 - For Area Officer
 - Resume
 - Cover letter



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- TRAFLES Answer
- Statements of Understanding
- Administrator Approval Form
- Photo Consent and Release Agreement
- Two Signed Letters of Recommendation
- Transcript
- Campaign Video Link
- For State Officer
 - All the items above, need to be turned in addition to the items below:
 - Candidate Bio
 - Candidate Photo
 - Campaign website link
- What's the deadline?
 - For Area Officer the deadline is 5 days before your area conference:

■ Area 1 December 1	■ Area 7 November 13
■ Area 2 November 3	■ Area 8 November 3
■ Area 3 November 27	■ Area 9 December 1
■ Area 4 November 9	■ Area 10 November 10
■ Area 5 October 29	■ Area 11 December 1
■ Area 6 November 9	
 - For State Officer the deadline is January 12, 2026 by 5pm CST
- What needs to be included in my campaign video?
 - All campaign videos should be no longer than 3 minutes.
 - It can be related to the current theme or a theme of your choice.
 - Videos should contain:
 - About you and your TAFE involvement
 - What does TAFE mean to you? How has TAFE helped you?
 - What would you like to change/do during your term as TAFE officer?
- Can only one person run from my school each year?
 - Yes, each school can only select one representative to represent their school for each office.



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- What happens if I violate a contract or get in trouble at school before the election?
 - Every situation is unique, so it depends on what violations occur. Consequences range from probation to removal from office.
- What happens if not enough candidates run?
 - For Area Officer
 - Applications reopen for a predetermined time window for additional applications. After which, elections are held again, or positions awarded, depending on the number of applicants received the second time.
 - For State Officer
 - The TAFE board of directors appoints officers to state officer vacancies.
- What happens if there are technology issues during the presentation of my campaign video?
 - For Area Officer
 - Videos are replayed during the political rally
 - For State Officer
 - A run through is done the day before to ensure all videos work properly.
- Can I run if I don't want to be a teacher when I get older?
 - While we want all our officers to become educators, or work in the education field, it is not required. All officers need to be ambassadors and advocates for the organization and of the teacher profession.
- Who covers my uniform pieces.
 - All officers cover the cost of their main uniform pieces: blue blazer, professional button-up, shoes, tie, skirt/slacks/dress.
 - The TAFE State Officer covers the cost of name badges, patches, and State Officer Casual Uniform pieces: t-shirts, black polos, red sweaters.
- Who covers my travel costs?
 - If the meeting is required and your chapter is not present, TAFE will cover mileage, meals, and hotel expenses if hotel is necessary.



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- For a detailed description please refer to the officer application.
 - [Page 4 of the Area Officer Application](#)
 - [Last Page of the State Officer Application](#)

Questions Specific to running for State Officer:

- How should I come up with a theme for my campaign?
 - Know your audience: Tip --ask a few classmates what they'd like to see change or improve.
 - Know yourself: Tip --build a theme that aligns with your authentic self – people can tell when it's real or fake.
 - Choose a central message: Tip--The message should be short, memorable, and meaningful
 - Pick a Style or Theme: Music Based, Pun-based/funny, value-driven, pop culture-based, etc.
 - Tie it all together and make sure all your campaign materials: speech(s), website, videos, posters, social media, posters, etc. are cohesive and professional.
- What if I don't know how to make a website?
 - Use a free, easy website builder like Google Sites, Wix, Carrd or Notion. Canva also has website builders.
 - Use website templates where you add your name, slogan, photos, etc.
 - Look at youtube tutorials for ideas.
 - Ask your campus IT, librarians or technology teacher on campus for help
- What happens if I don't have all of my receipts for the campaign?
 - If you don't have all your receipts during your credentials meeting, those items are pulled from your campaign.
- Is there a financial budget I should stick to when purchasing props for my campaign?
 - Yes, please refer to the State Officer application for a full detailed description. But, all items shouldn't total over \$750.



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- What if my sponsor isn't willing to agree to be a State Officer Teacher Leader?
 - Both the candidate and their teacher leader must be willing to dedicate time to the responsibilities of the role. If a teacher leader is currently unable to make that commitment, it is best to wait until they are available. A supportive teacher leader—both on and off campus—is essential throughout the state officer term.