



Terry Scholar Alumni Advisory Board Terms of Commitment

The Terry Foundation's **mission** is to develop future leaders of Texas through access to education.

The Terry Foundation's **vision** is to create a community of educated leaders who utilize their talents to strengthen the state of Texas and impact the world.

The Terry Foundation's **Pillars of Excellence** are Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Community.

Advisory Board Purpose

The Terry Scholar Alumni Advisory Board exists to strengthen the Terry Community by supporting and exemplifying the mission, vision, and 4 Pillars of the Terry Foundation.

Advisory Board Members:

- become familiar with the operations and strategic plans of the Terry Foundation and Terry Scholars Fund
- assist the Board of Directors and Foundation staff in representing the Terry Foundation at events throughout the year (picnics, banquets, Alumni Luncheons, etc.)
- provide feedback as requested on programs and Terry Foundation and Terry Scholars Fund initiatives
- help build professional networking and mentoring relationships between Alumni and current students.

Advisory Board Member Expectations

Members of the Advisory Board must:

- If residing in Texas, members must attend at least **two in-person Foundation-hosted events per year** (banquets, picnics, Alumni Luncheons, special events).^{**}
- If not residing in Texas, members must attend at least **two in-person Foundation-hosted events during the 3-year board term.** (banquets, picnics, Alumni Luncheons, special events) ^{**}
Exceptions can be made for virtual events upon request or if the member hosts an in-person event for Terrys in their area.
- All members are expected to attend Advisory Board meetings. Meetings occur virtually in February, May, and September. Recordings of all meetings are available in case of schedule conflict, and Advisory Board Members are responsible for reviewing all meeting content if they are unable to participate on the date of the meeting.
- All members are expected to participate in **at least one topic discussion per year.** Topic discussions are 1-hour virtual meetings and are held between regular meetings of the Advisory Board. They may be proposed by the Foundation and by members of the Advisory Board. **Service on the SEL Response Committee also satisfies this requirement.**

^{**} If the Foundation must cancel or reformat in-person events in the interest of safety or venue issues, Advisory Board attendance and participation will not be assessed based on in-person engagement alone. Advisory Board members will still be expected to represent the Foundation at the virtual equivalents of banquets, picnics, and Alumni Luncheons, if alternatives are planned.



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Advisory Board Members also have the **opportunity** to:

- serve on one interview panel per year (as space allows) and provide leadership, if requested
- actively participate in local area alumni groups and assist in a leadership capacity, if needed
- read and respond to Scholar Self Evaluation Letters (SELs)
- review applications for potential Advisory Board Members

Advisory Board Terms of Participation

- Members are selected for 3 year terms, with 1/3 of the board rotating off each year.
- Traditional Scholars must be at least 3 years out of undergrad; Transfer Scholars must be at least 2 years out of undergrad.
- Once rotated off, members can participate in interviews, read SELs, and attend Foundation events as schedules allow.
- Members can be added again after 3 years.