

# TEXAS INTERCOLLEGIATE FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

## Texas All-State Forensic Squad

**Purpose:** The Texas All-State Forensic Squad recognizes students who have excelled in forensics (individual events, debate, or both) at either the two year or four year level while maintaining high levels of academic achievement and exhibiting strong character and leadership skills.

**Criteria for Selection:** The selection committee, appointed by the TIFA president, will evaluate the applicant using the following items: grade point average, academic transcripts, recommendation from the coach, statement from the student, and record of competitive success.

**Eligibility:** The student must have competed in both the Fall and Spring semesters in the year for which they are nominated. For individual events, the student must have qualified for a minimum of three individual events final rounds and the student must have competed in a minimum of three tournaments per semester (these may include future participation in the Spring semester). For debate, the student must have a 60% win percentage or must have advanced to elimination rounds at three tournaments. An overall minimum of four tournaments is required for debaters, with at least one of those debate tournaments occurring in the Fall semester.

A coach may nominate any number of qualified students; however, no more than four students per school will be named to the All State Squad each academic year. Two year and four year nominees will be considered separately.

**Application Deadline:** Please email an electronic copy or submit a hard copy of the application to the tournament director (contact information provided on the tournament invite) by the end of Saturday registration for the TIFA Spring Championship.

**Completing the Application:** The application is a fillable PDF that can be completed with Adobe Acrobat Reader (or similar software). Alternatively, if you are using Chrome or Microsoft Edge, you should be able to complete the application in the browser. In either case, once the application is completed, you will need to download and/or save the file under a new name before beginning a new application. If you are completing an electronic version of the application, you can hover over yellow boxes to get more information. If you are filling out a hard copy of the application, that information is provided below.

**Coach's Student Character Ranking:** Please rank the nominee on a scale from 1-4 where 1 = Good, 2 = Excellent, 3 = Superior, and 4 = Outstanding.

**Coach's Statement of Support:** This field on the electronic form is limited to 5000 characters. Please provide insight into the character and qualifications of the student being nominated. Suggested areas for consideration: Does the student work full/part time in addition to attending school? Is this student self-supporting? Is the student involved in sponsored activities other than forensics? Does the student volunteer or participate in organizations outside of school? What type of attitude does the student exhibit toward teammates, fellow competitors, coaches, etc.? Is the student a team player?

**Student Academic Information:** Please include student transcripts with the application. Include the student's GPA in their major if available.

**Student Competition Information:** For individual events competitors, count only those semesters where the student competed in three or more tournaments. AFA allows 8 semesters of eligibility. Phi Rho Pi allows 4 semesters of eligibility. A swing counts as two tournaments.

**Statement from Student:** This field on the electronic form is limited to 5000 characters.

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**Student Nominee:**

<b>School:</b>	<b>Date of Submission:</b>
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Category for Nomination			College Type	
<input type="checkbox"/> IE	<input type="checkbox"/> Debate	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 YR	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 YR

**Coach:**

<b>Personal Phone</b>	<b>Office Phone</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>eMail</b>
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**Coach's Student Character Ranking**

Attitude	Cooperation	Dedication	Judgement	Leadership	Maturity	Motivation

**Coach's Statement of Support**



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**Statement From Student:** How has your competitive forensics experience been of value to you?