

The University of Memphis
Student Government Association
Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature
Application

Due: Tuesday, October 7, 2014 by 4:30pm in the U.C. SGA office, Suite 214

Overview of TISL

Founded in 1966, the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature has fostered civic education and engagement for thousands of TN college students. At its annual General Assembly each November, TISL offers several programs open to all college students in the state. The Legislative program is TISL oldest and most popular program. Students propose legislation affecting the state to their peers in the actual House and Senate chambers. The Appellate Moot Court Collegiate Challenger (AMC3), TISL's judicial program, offers students the unique chance to argue an appeals case in front of their colleagues. TISL Media allows students interested in political communications, journalism, and advertising hands on practice in prompting TISL programs and in providing news coverage for the General Assembly. The Lobbying program teaches students how to effectively promote causes they are passionate about to the student legislators.

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Classification: _____

Major: _____

UUID #: _____

SHORT ANSWER

Please respond to each of the following questions in one concise paragraph.

1. What prompted you to apply for a position as a delegate at the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature?

2. What qualities or experience would you bring to the Memphis Delegation of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature? What leadership experience do you have that you feel will be an asset to TISL?

4. Please attach a resume including awards, honors, work experience, on-campus leadership and volunteer activities.

5. In order to be a successful delegation, much preparation is required. Meetings can last up to 1 ½ hours, but never more than that. Please list the days and times of the week that would be the best time for you to meet.

The following is a list of different components that represent TISL. Please rank the following areas in the order they interest you the most. 1 represents your greatest interest, and 3 represents your least interest.

House of Representatives or Senate _____

Legislators draft bills and debate them in the chambers of the Tennessee State Capitol during TISL. They can choose to be in the Senate or the House. Each school is only allotted one Senator. Because of this, Senators tend to be more experienced debaters in a delegation. The University of Memphis gets three to five Representatives each year. Other members are cycled in to learn the processes that a bill gets passed and to get experience in debating the bills right away.

TISL Media _____

Reporters will work for TISL Media, which functions as a media branch for the General Assembly. They will create a newsletter that

runs twice a day (once before lunch, and one before the end of the day) that will have headlines on the most controversial bills, information on candidates for offices, and interviews with outgoing candidates. Roles as reporters can be divided into photographers, video crews, writers, and editors.

Lobbying Firm_____

Lobbyists will represent various firms (such as Environment, Education, etc.) and will work to convince legislators to vote for or against bills that are contiguous with their firm. Firms will work in conjunction with TISL alumni who are now lobbyists in Nashville. Those who wish to be lobbyists choose their firm at the beginning of the general assembly and will undergo a separate orientation during the beginning of the GA.

Students who are interested in representing the University of Memphis as a TISL delegate **must be available for mandatory workshops**, some of which will be determined once all applicants have been screened. **There is a mandatory workshop Thursday October 28th in**

Memphis from 4:30-6:00. If you are applying, make sure you are able to attend.

Additionally, participation in the program allows two (2) university-excused absences the 13th and 14th of November, 2014. For this program, a minimum of 2.5 GPA is required, and students

who exhibit a lack of

commitment to the program may be replaced by selected TISL alternates.

Freshmen are encouraged to apply as well.

Interviews may be conducted as deemed necessary.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!