

Howdy, Class of '24!

Class Agent elections for your Class are just around the corner, and the Aggie Network needs YOU! If you are interested in running as an INDIVIDUAL Class Agent candidate, and serving as part of a of 5 member Class Agent team for the Class of 2024, here's what you need to know:

What is a Class Agent?

Each organized Class of former students has elected Class Agents who serve as liaisons between their Class and The Association of Former Students. Class Agents are first elected during the student body elections of their junior year and serve an initial term of 6 years.

During their senior year, Class Agents represent their Class to The Association, work, in conjunction with Class Councils' Class Gift Chair, to develop and fund a Class gift, and facilitate communication between and among their Classmates and the Aggie Network. Following graduation, Class Agents are a fundamental part of maintaining communication among Classmates and helping to ensure that they stay connected to Texas A&M and The Association of Former Students.

Class Agents work closely with departments within The Association—including Campus Programs, Former Student Programs, and Fundraising—to strengthen the Aggie Network, to promote the Aggie Spirit and the welfare of Texas A&M University, and to raise friends and funds to benefit the university and its current and former students. Each Class Agent representative serves as a member of the Leadership Council (tx.ag/LeadershipCouncil), which is the governing body of The Association of Former Students. Each Class is entitled to one collective vote as part of their role on the Leadership Council. For additional information regarding The Association's governing documents please visit tx.ag/GoverningDocuments.

Class Agent Election Process (Dates subject to change per Election Commission timeline)	
January 30	Submit complete Class Agent application by Monday, January 30 (tx.ag/ClassAgentApplication) Application will be available beginning Nov. 16
February 7 – February 10	The Association of Former Students schedules Class Agent pre-election candidate interviews with applicants
February 13	Slate of approved Class Agent candidates announced by The Association of Former Students

February 6 -17 – Dates determined by Election Commission	Filing for Candidates: The Association will file election information for each individual approved Class Agent candidate with the Election Commission (https://election.tamu.edu/candidates/spring-2022/)
TBD – Date determined by	Mandatory Candidate Meeting held by the Election Commission Time
Election Commission	& Location TBD (<u>election.tamu.edu/</u>), where candidates will receive additional election information.
TBD – Date determined by Election Commission	General Campaigning
March 2-3 – Dates determined by Election Commission	Class Agents will be selected during the Student Body Election.
March 3 – Date determined by Election Commission	Top 5 vote-receiving candidates will be named to the Class of 2024 Class Agent team. Election results announced – Time and location TBD . (https://election.tamu.edu/candidates/spring-2022/)

Requirements / Rules for Running:

- All candidates must have at least a 2.0 overall GPA and be in good standing with the university.
- Each Class Agent will run as an INDIVIDUAL candidate, but will serve as part of a 5 member Class Agent Team.
- Each individual running for Class Agent must attend two meetings prior to beginning the election process:
 - 1. Class Agent Pre-Election Candidate Interviews with Association team members will be held <u>February 7 – February 10</u>, at a meeting time scheduled directly with The Association staff contacts.
 - 2. Mandatory Candidate Meeting held by the Election Commission (**time & location will be announced on election.tamu.edu/**). Additional election information will be available through the Election Commission.
 - If you have specific questions for the Election Commission you may address them during the Mandatory Candidates Meeting. Class Agent candidates can also access election

information at election.tamu.edu or by contacting the Election Commissioner at tamuelection@gmail.com.

- The Association will register each eligible candidate and will directly pay the filing fees for each Class Agent candidate once the above criteria are met.
- Each individual Class Agent must sign a "Commitment to Serve" as Class Agent form. Names should be listed on this form as they will appear on the ballot. These forms will be available when you fill out your Class Agent application at *tx.ag/ClassAgentApplication*.
- Once elected, Class Agents must maintain donor status with The Association at "Active level" or above (see <u>tx.ag/GivingLevels</u>) to continue to serve as Class Agents and as members of The Association's Leadership Council.
- Once elected, Class Agents will meet with The Association of Former Students throughout the remainder of their junior year, and throughout their senior year as they prepare for their Class' transition to former students.

Job Requirements:

If elected, you'll serve for six years (and can run for re-election after that).

Upon election, and during your Class' junior and senior years, your Class Agent team will:

- Work with The Association to send out Class emails, social media and other communications.
- Work with Class Councils to develop and fund a Class Gift.

During the following five years, your team's duties will include:

- Attending at least one annual meeting of the Association's Leadership Council (you are each members.)
- Writing at least one Class Newsletter per year and sending Silver Taps condolence notes when The Association learns of a Classmate's passing.
- Working with The Association to send out Class emails, social media and other communications. The
 Association works to keep Aggies connected, share news and raise friends and funds to benefit Texas
 A&M and its current and former students.
- Helping bring your Classmates to the annual Young Alumni Weekend, which serves as a Class Reunion for the most recent 10 A&M Classes.
 - ✓ Don't forget Submit your completed Class Agent application to tx.ag/ClassAgentApplication by January 30!

For additional information, and to answer any questions, you may visit tx.ag/ClassAgents and/or contact Kellie Malone '08, Manager of Campus Programs. Also, election information may be accessed at election.tamu.edu, or by emailing the Election Commissioner directly. Good luck!

Thanks and gig 'em, Class of '24!

The Association of Former Students