

Texas Quiz Bowl Alliance

All-State Team Selection Overview

Texas Quiz Bowl Alliance will select six high school quiz bowl players to represent the state of Texas in the 2010 HSAPQ National All-Star Academic Tournament at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. The tournament will be held June 12-13, 2010. This tournament is designed as an event for all-star teams and, accordingly is more challenging than single school national events. This document provides an overview of the process through which Texas students will be selected for this team.

Any student who currently attends a public or private high school full-time in Texas is eligible to apply for consideration for this team. The only requirement to be considered is the submission of applicant data card and parental acknowledgment form. No other event is required in the selection process; however, students who actively participate in multiple events increase their likelihood of selection. The board of the Texas Quiz Bowl Alliance is solely responsible for the selection of team members. The board will make a qualitative assessment of each student's potential and not strictly abide by any single quantitative measure. No appeal regarding the decisions of the board will be considered.

Texas Quiz Bowl Alliance is currently seeking sponsors for the trip and associated qualification events. Selected team members may or may not be asked to contribute towards the cost of travel expenses. The estimated per-person travel cost for the national tournament is \$600 (not including food costs). This cost includes hotel room, plane fare, tournament registration, and team shirt.

Candidates will greatly increase their chances of success if they complete the following:

- Fill out a student application data card
- Return via mail a parental acknowledgement form
- Participate in at least one of the individual contests offered on 9/26 and 11/14
- Return at least two individual tournament tossup summaries from tournaments on 9/26, 10/17, 11/14, and 12/12
- Prepare for two subject matter examinations (subjects to be assigned; study materials to be provided)
- Sit for two individual subject matter tests on 12/12
- Attend training camps held during the weeks of 12/28 and 3/15 (exact locations and dates TBA)
- Be available for weekend practices in April and May
- Be available Thursday, June 10, 2010 through Sunday June, 13, 2010 for the All-Star Tournament

When selecting the 2010 Texas All-State team, the following will be considered:

- A student's record of participation and performance in various preparatory events
- A student's willingness to play a role in a team setting
- A student's willingness to grow as a player from coaching
- A student's willingness to prepare independently for the All-Star Tournament
- A student's playing fundamentals
- A student's ability to pay for travel costs (only if sponsorship is unattainable)

Approximately ten finalists in the selection process will be announced on March 6, 2010 at our State Championship Tournament. The final team will be selected from those finalists in May.

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