



Memo: 2025-2026 State Affairs Forum Updates and Reminders

Please note updates to SAF section documents and procedures were made with input from District Directors, Section Leaders, and the State Office.

Selecting Your Proposal Topic – State Affairs Forum

- Choose from pre-selected topics areas released by the State Office
- Focus on big-picture issues (state, national, or international) that affect Texans
- Proposals must keep it broad and realistic — no funding requirements, but practical enough to spark debate
- Review the banned topics list to ensure your idea does not conflict

Resources

- One Pager: Use this resource to aid with recruiting fellow state affairs students for your team, and to find all the things you need to succeed as a State Affairs delegate in one place!

Scoring:

- Scoring will be based on the same rubric, however it's been reformatted to make score distribution easier. Additionally, peer reviews will now be worth 70% of the total score and adult evaluations will make up 30% of the total score.

State Conference: Maximum number of participants in SAF section at State Conference is 200

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