

The University of Memphis
Student Government Association

**Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature
Application**

Due: Friday, October 2, 2009 by 4:30pm in 800 Wilder Tower

Students who are interested in representing the University of Memphis as a TISL delegate **must be available for a mandatory meeting on October 16th and 2 of 3 organizational meetings held October 23rd, 30th or November 6th**; additionally, participation in the program allows two (2) university-excused absences the 12th and 13th of November, 2009. 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.

All envelopes for reference forms should be sealed and signed along the seal. Upon verification of eligibility, you will be contacted for interviews on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 5th, 6th and 7th of October between 7:00pm and 10:00pm.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

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? Are you considering politics, or a related field as a vocation, and if so, what form?
2. What qualities or experience would you bring to the Memphis Delegation of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature?
3. What leadership experience do you have that you feel will be an asset to TISL?
4. Is there any additional information we should know when considering your application?
5. Please attach a resume including awards, honors, work experience, on-campus leadership and volunteer activities.

ESSAY

Please respond to the following questions in 500 words or less.

What do you believe is the role of college students and young Americans in the political process? Do you believe that programs like TISL prepare young adults to be actively involved in the political process? Please support your answer with personal experience.

Personal References

- 1) Fill out PART 1 of the reference form attached to this application.
- 2) Give the form to one of three persons who will serve as personal references (which may include clergy, an employer, or one other person).
- 3) Please list the name, phone number, and the relationship of three references below.

Name	
Phone	
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The following is a list of the Standing Committees of TISL. Please rank the following committees in the order they interest you the most. One (1) being “interest me the most” and seven (7) being interest me the least.

- | Standing Committees |
|----------------------------|
| Conservation & Environment |
| Education |
| General Welfare |
| Higher Education 1 |
| Higher Education 2 |
| Judiciary |
| State & Local Government |
| Transportation |

Conservation and Environment		Education	
General Welfare		Higher Education	
Judiciary		State and Local Government	
Transportation			

Thank You for your interest in becoming a member of the Memphis Delegation of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature! Good luck! ☺

For more information about TISL, please visit our website www.tisonline.org or contact the SGA-TISL liaison at the information listed below. Please entitle all such inquiries as “TISL Application Information.”

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 901-240-8394

University of Memphis TISL Delegate

REFERENCE FORM
(www.tislonline.org)

PART I: To be completed by the applicant.

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

PART II: To be completed by reference.

The individual above has applied for a position as a delegate of the Memphis Delegation of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL). This young adult has supplied your name as a personal reference. TISL considers references to be an important factor in determining an applicant's suitability for involvement in our programs. Your recommendation is critical to our selection process. We request that you make every effort to respond objectively to our questions regarding this individual's qualifications. We request that you provide us with some thoughtful feedback within the context of the following:

1. Relevant and factual data about the applicant's intellectual and problem-solving skills in your setting.
2. Your assessment of his/her communication and interpersonal skills in your setting.
3. Your impression of his/her personal qualities (maturity, honesty, adaptability, initiative) and contributions to your work setting, organization or class.
4. Information that will help us differentiate this applicant from others and the degree of enthusiasm and confidence with which you support this candidate's application.

You may or may not send a letter or statement in addition to this form; however, we require that you also complete the following sections. After you complete the form, please place it in an envelope, seal it and sign it across the seal and return to the student. We look forward to receiving your observations and comments and thank you for your cooperation. You may return the sealed envelope via the applicant, or return it yourself to the 8th floor of Wilder Tower.

How long have you known the applicant and in what setting? ___ Years ___ Months
...In What Capacity? _____

Part I: Rate the applicant from 0 (lowest) to 5 (highest).

Feel free to explain if necessary. Please Mark N/A if you have not witnessed the applicant in this area.

Team Player	N/A	0	1	2	3	4	5
Reliability	N/A	0	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership	N/A	0	1	2	3	4	5
Judgment and Common Sense	N/A	0	1	2	3	4	5
Organizational Skills	N/A	0	1	2	3	4	5
Flexibility	N/A	0	1	2	3	4	5
Creativity	N/A	0	1	2	3	4	5
Emotional Maturity	N/A	0	1	2	3	4	5
Time Management	N/A	0	1	2	3	4	5
Punctuality	N/A	0	1	2	3	4	5
Professionalism	N/A	0	1	2	3	4	5

Part II: Please mark the phrase that best fits

Overall, I _____ this applicant for the Memphis delegate position.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Highly Recommend | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not have sufficient basis for making recommendation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not recommend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend with reservations | |

Signature:	Date:
Position/Title:	Phone:
Email Address:	

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