

# TEEN ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION



**Teens in the Driver Seat®** is the nation's first peer-to-peer safety program for young drivers, involving teenagers directly in developing and delivering driving safety messages. The goal of Teens in the Driver Seat® is to raise awareness of the top driving dangers for teens and prevent crashes involving young drivers. The program empowers teens to spread the word among their peers about deadly driving risks and encourage them to make smart choices while behind the wheel and as passengers. Teens in the Driver Seat® is committed to fighting the number-one killer of teenagers in America, but it can only succeed with the involvement and commitment of young people who are represented by the Teens in the Driver Seat® Teen Advisory Board.

**Member Duties** · Participate in quarterly meetings, as well as respond promptly to periodic e-mail requests for input and feedback · Actively organize a Teens in the Driver Seat® program at your local high school and at neighboring schools in your community · Assist in organizing program-oriented events and activities in your local community · Actively visit the Teens in the Driver Seat® website <http://t-driver.com> · Promote the Teens in the Driver Seat® contests and special events · Provide feedback, ideas and opinions on new program materials, safety messages, promotional items and related elements · Provide ideas and insights on how to continue to successfully engage teens and sustain their interest in the Teens in the Driver Seat® program · Serve as an ambassador/leader for Teens in the Driver Seat®, leading by example.

**Member Qualifications** Must be: · Entering 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2016-2017 school year · Between the ages of 14 and 18 by September 1, 2016 · Currently enrolled in school (public, private or home-school) · Willing to commit to quarterly meetings via conference call, web meeting or in-person, as well as respond promptly to periodic e-mail requests for feedback on Teens in the Driver Seat®-related material or ideas.

**Member Term** · Begins May 1, 2016 and ends April 30, 2017 · Teen Advisory Board members may serve more than one term, so long as they re-apply and meet qualifications each year.

**Member Meeting Requirements** · Meet quarterly on Saturdays (estimated meeting time of 2-4 hours per meeting) · The first meeting of the new board will be the afternoon of May 15, 2016 · The schedule for the remaining meetings will be determined at the May 2016 meeting, based on member availability. An estimated schedule for the remaining meetings is August or September 2016, November or December 2016, February or March 2017 and May 2017 · TAB members will have the option to participate in all meetings through a toll-free conference call. They may also be able to participate through the web, in-person, or by meeting at the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) regional offices. At the TTI offices members can participate through video-conference. TTI offices are located in Texas in the following cities: Austin, College Station, Dallas, El Paso, Houston and San Antonio.

**Application Deadline:** 5:00pm CST, Friday, March 4, 2016

# Teens in the Driver Seat® (TDS) Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Application

Please type or write legibly. **Return application by 5:00pm CST, Friday, March 4, 2016**

Mail to: Texas A&M Transportation Institute  
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Please fill out the following information.

\* Required fields

\*Student full name:  Preferred name:

\*Home address:

\*City:  \*State:  \*Zip:

\*Home phone:  Student cell phone:

\*Student email:  Would you like to be added to our email list?  Yes  No

\*Date of birth:  \*Age:  \*Expected high school graduation date:

\*School Name / City / State:

\*Grade level for 2016-17 school year: (select one: 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th)

\*Shirt size: (select one: Ladies or Men's SM, MD, L, XL)

Parent/Guardian information:

\*Parent/Guardian name:

\*Parent/Guardian cell phone:  \*Parent/Guardian email:

Teacher/Sponsor information (if applicable):

Teacher/Sponsor name:

Teacher/Sponsor school phone:  Teacher/Sponsor email:

The best way to reach me is (please check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Home phone                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Text message student cell         | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian email |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student cell phone         | <input type="checkbox"/> Text message parent/guardian cell | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Sponsor email |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian cell phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Student email                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mail to home address  |

Please answer the following questions:

\*1. Describe yourself in five words.

\*2. What experience do you have with Teens in the Driver Seat®?

\*3. Why do you want to serve as a Teens in the Driver Seat® Teen Advisory Board member?

\*4. What personal strengths, skills and/or traits do you possess that may contribute to the success of your involvement with Teens in the Driver Seat®?

\*5. What volunteer / work experiences or school / community activities have you been involved in that might help contribute to your service on the Teens in the Driver Seat® Teen Advisory Board?



**\*ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INFORMATION\***

**As part of the required application, please also send in:**

- a current photo of yourself
- the signed Photo/Video Release form
- the signed Commitment Agreement form

Optional: The Teens in the Driver Seat® TAB Selection Committee does not require but strongly recommends that you send in at least 1 letter of recommendation (from a former TAB member, Teens in the Driver Seat® teacher/ sponsor or a person of your choice).