



Texas 4000 for Cancer 2022 Team Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a 2022 Texas 4000 Rider! We are honored to be able to accept applications this fall for our 18th annual leadership development program and cross-continental bicycle ride.

Before you begin the application, we feel it is important that you understand what it means to be a part of a Texas 4000 team. Texas 4000's mission is to cultivate student leaders and engage communities in the fight against cancer. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit with a board of directors & five staff members. We work exclusively with University of Texas at Austin students to create a program that fulfills our mission and cultivates the next generation of philanthropists.

Every rider has the opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of those affected by cancer, make countless friends, and embark on a journey of self-improvement & enrichment that will last a lifetime. All of this is part of what makes Texas 4000 so enticing. However, you should know that Texas 4000 involves a significant time commitment starting long before the ride begins.

Not only will you spend the summer of 2022 cycling across North America, but every rider will raise a minimum of \$4,500 in the fight against cancer, volunteer 50 hours in the community, and ride 2,000 training miles. Riders are also expected to take charge of the preparation and planning for the ride (e.g. arranging lodging, organizing training rides, preparing a program teaching cancer prevention and early detection, managing the team's finances, etc.). Finally, as a member of Texas 4000, you will be expected to maintain high standards of conduct & professionalism and to maintain positive relationships both in and out of the organization.

Your team will begin meeting in the spring to start your own journey while working to support the 2021 team and other Texas 4000 events and initiatives. Throughout the program, you will be expected to demonstrate continual commitment and teamwork to prepare for the logistical and physical demands of the ride.

Now that you understand a little more about Texas 4000, we sincerely hope you consider applying to join us in spreading hope, knowledge, and charity in the fight against cancer. If you decide that Texas 4000 isn't right for you at this time, but would still like to help, please do not hesitate to contact us about volunteer or internship opportunities.

Yours in the fight,

Ross McGarity - Program Manager

Shelby Vigil - Program Coordinator



Please confirm by checking each box, that you meet the following eligibility requirements: *

- Enrolled at time of application
- Enrolled at UT Austin through December 2021 (can graduate in Dec. 2021)
- Reside in Austin, TX through spring 2022 (not including breaks, can study abroad in spring 2021)
- Available for team meetings on Monday nights at 7 PM during the academic year (no more than two absences allowed per semester)
- Have health insurance from Fall 2021 through August 2022, or have plans to obtain it



Thank you for beginning your application to be a part of our 2022 team! We strongly recommend that you write your answers in a separate document and copy and paste them in the form once you are ready to submit. The application will consist of basic information, short answer questions, a personal statement, and file submission. A resume and academic summary are required. A letter of recommendation is optional. Please feel free to reach out to us via instagram (@texas4000) or email (apply.texas4000@gmail.com) if you have any questions!

*** Please leave the following dates open for interviews: Nov. 17-19, 2020.***

Inclusion & Equity Statement

Texas 4000 for Cancer is an equal opportunity, nonprofit organization that strives to cultivate a community of hardworking and passionate student leaders. Along with their cornerstone 4000+ mile bike ride from Austin to Anchorage, these University of Texas at Austin students are committed to engaging communities in the fight against cancer by spreading hope, knowledge, and charity as they strive towards creating a cancer-free future.

Non-Discrimination Statement and Policy:

Texas 4000 for Cancer has and maintains a zero tolerance policy for any form of discrimination, mistreatment, or hate on the basis of race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, socioeconomic background, or other forms of identity.

This policy applies to the recruitment period, application process, and to all areas of participation with the organization, including but not limited to the summer ride, meetings, training, and volunteer events.

Transparency in the Application Process:

In selecting riders for the upcoming teams, Texas 4000 for Cancer's recruitment committee and application assessment teams are committed to ensuring that each applicant has an equal opportunity to apply and a fair assessment of their application. In grading the application, the organization conducts a blind read of the written responses meaning that the identity of the applicant is unknown to the reviewers. In addition, the application is reviewed by multiple members of the application assessment team, including individuals of diverse backgrounds (gender, alumni ride year, ethnicity), before a decision is made.



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Basic Information

UT eID:* _____

Full Legal Name:* _____

Date of Birth:* _____

Email Address:* _____

Phone Number:* (____) ____-____

Permanent Address:* _____

Educational Information

Degree/Major:* _____

Overall GPA:* _____

GPA in Major:* _____

Anticipated Graduation Date:* _____

Demographic Information

The questions in this section are for informational purposes only. They will not be shown when applications are reviewed and will not effect your acceptance to Texas 4000 for Cancer.

Current Year:*

- First Year/Freshman
- Second Year/Sophomore
- Third Year/Junior
- Fourth Year/Senior
- Fifth+ Year/Supersenior
- Graduate Student
- Other



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Are you a transfer student?:*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

Are you a first-generation college student?:*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

Racial/Ethnic Identity (you may select more than one):*

- African American/Black
- Asian American/Asian
- Hispanic/Latinx
- Middle Eastern/North African
- Native American/Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- White/Caucasian
- Prefer not to answer
- Other

Gender Identity:*

- Male
- Female
- TransMale
- TransFemale
- Non-Binary/Genderqueer
- Prefer not to answer
- Other

What is your parents' approximate average household income?:*

- Less than \$25,000
- \$25,000 to \$49,000
- \$50,000 to \$74,000
- \$75,000 to \$99,000
- \$100,000 to \$149,000
- \$150,000 to \$199,000
- \$200,000 and up



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- Unsure
- Prefer not to answer
- Other

What student organizations are you part of?:* _____

How did you hear about Texas 4000? (you may select more than one):*

- A rider spoke at my organization meeting/in my class
- A student outside of Texas 4000
- I know a current/former Texas 4000 rider
- Information session
- Newspaper/media about the ride
- Organization fair/virtual organization fair
- Poster/flyer/brochure on campus
- Professor/staff member
- Social media (Instagram, Facebook, etc.)
- Tabling/virtual tabling
- Other

Have you applied to Texas 4000 before?:*

- Yes
- No

If yes, what team did you apply for? (please put N/A if you answered "no" to the previous question):*

Would you be interested in applying for a Texas 4000 need-based scholarship? (Your answer to this question will not play a role in your acceptance to the organization. It is for informational purposes only. The scholarship application will be shared with all accepted riders in December.):

- Yes
- No



Short Answer Questions

GOALS: What are your goals for the future (major, career, etc.), and what plans do you have to achieve those goals? (250 word limit)*

TIME COMMITMENTS: What other time commitments do you have that will potentially be ongoing during your time in Texas 4000? A typical Texas 4000 rider can expect to devote 15-20+ hours per week to T4K-related work. If you don't already, how do you intend to make time for the large time commitment that Texas 4000 requires? (150 word limit)*

CHALLENGES: Describe one of the biggest challenge you have ever faced that took perseverance and grit over time. What was it, when did it occur, how did you approach it, and what was the result? Throughout this challenge, what obstacles did you overcome that you hadn't been able to before? How did you keep yourself motivated? (300 word limit)*

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FUNDRAISING: Each Texas 4000 rider is required to raise a minimum of \$4,500 in the fight against cancer, approximately a dollar per mile ridden. Please describe how you plan to approach your fundraising goal (aside from a letter-writing campaign). (200 word limit)*

MISSION: How would you explain the value of supporting Texas 4000? (100 word limit)*

COMMUNICATION: What have you found to be important when communicating with peers and resolving conflict? Please provide an example. (200 word limit)*

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Texas 4000 is a leadership development program. Of the foundational leadership skills listed below, discuss the skill(s) you feel to be your strength and the skill(s) you would like to improve on and why. [communication, self-awareness, efficient planning, peer respect, and resiliency] (400 word limit)*

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TEAMWORK: What role do you tend take on in a team setting? Describe a time when you've had to work with a team toward a shared goal in this role. What were some obstacles you encountered and how did you overcome them? (200 word limit)*

PERSONAL STATEMENT: Why do you want to join the Texas 4000 leadership development program and ride your bike to Alaska to fight cancer? Who or what would you ride for (could be a specific person affected by cancer or another motivating factor)? What impact would you like to have during your time in Texas 4000? (500-750 words)*



File Submissions

RESUME: Please supply us with a resume that describes your education, employment history, as well as leadership, volunteer, and extracurricular activities. To ensure anonymity in this process, please exclude your name and email address from your resume. Your resume must NOT be more than one page. Save the file as "eid_resume.pdf".*

ACADEMIC SUMMARY: Please submit an electronic version of your academic summary. Academic summaries can be found here: bit.ly/UT-AcademicSummary - simply select "View your Academic Summary" and download the unofficial document. If you are a freshman or first semester transfer student and do not have a GPA, this requirement is waived. Save the file as "eid_summary.pdf".

***Optional* LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:** Please provide us with ONE letter of recommendation. This may come from a professor, past teacher, employer, or highly regarded character reference. The letter should address qualities such as responsibility, analytic ability, leadership, maturity, work ethic, and your ability to work well with others. You may submit this letter with your application or ask your recommender to submit the letter to apply.texas4000@gmail.com by the deadline. Save the file as "eid_letter". If emailing the letter, please put "lastname_first name" in the subject line.



Certification Statement

I certify that the information in this application and all attachments are complete and correct. I certify that all the documents and written responses are my own work. I authorize Texas 4000 to verify the information I have provided. I further understand submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application and/or withdrawal of any offer of acceptance.