



# Membership Application

## Special Project

Summer 2024

Submission **Deadline** 1 March 2024.

Please take a moment to check out the [STYC](#) and [iCharla](#) sites. They provides an idea on what we are about.

The membership application is open to high school students in South Texas. This is an invitation to participate in a Special Project. Students in Cameron and Hidalgo counties are invited to apply. We are accepting 9-12 new STYC members.

Your principal, counselor, a teacher and a parent, each need to sign off on your application.

**Special Project**, is the production of a video about [iSol](#). The video would be told from the students' perspective, done smart, fun, informative, imaginative to help spur the deployment of fiber optic infrastructure in schools.

The video would illustrate the need for super speed bandwidth internet connection to the classroom. And to imagine what a class room might look like in ten years, in 2034. And ask if the twentieth first century has an expiration date.

STYC provides a unique opportunity for a high school student. Perhaps unlike any in Texas. As a member you have a platform to present your views and have a hand and voice in the making of public policy.

**About time.** Being part of this Special Project means investing some of your time. The iSol video though 8-10 minutes when done, involves these things:

Twelve or so hours over the summer, discussed a storyline. At the first meeting you decide on the storyline and began to sketch out the scenes. Groups can form to work on individual scenes and parts. Like the script, support graphic, clips, light and audio, on camera presence, practice, the shooting and the editing.

The [iSol](#) page has a lot of information to help with your video.

I want to take a moment to say that iSol is an initiative of STYC. The idea grew from a discussion held tens years ago by a group of high school students and which was the first STYC gathering. It was held at Del Mar College in Corpus

Christi. The following June they held the Dream Forward Dinner. In those days iSol struck a path to see access and optimum broadband in the classroom.

The video you help produce is a continuation to which you'll add your own voice, reflections and perspective. The video will be posted on the STYC and iCharla Podcast sites, on YouTube, and others. The video can be used to stimulate discussion and action.

Aim to preview a draft of the iSol video next August.

STYC members have access to the iCharla Podcast platform.

**What do you get out of it.** Contribution to your community. I will look into you receiving credit hours for community service and school recognition. I believe that communication skills can be learned, and how to look at an issue, how to discuss it, speak about it, how to present it. How to add and engage public policy.

Your work on the video will look good on a college or job application. On request, we can provide you a letter of recommendation. These letters have helped others make their name stand out.

What you get out of it is doing a good thing, your family and friends knowing what you helped do.

If you decide to apply, please note that we pay close attention to your essay. Also please consider your time commitment. If you have questions on the application please email me: [armando@dreamforward.net](mailto:armando@dreamforward.net). We can work out a time to talk on the phone.

Please submit a copy of your application to your principal and email a copy to: [styc@styc.rocks](mailto:styc@styc.rocks). Subject: STYC Special Project 24.

Thank you



Armando Villarreal

STYC Executive Director

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# Extra

**About** STYC is a gathering of delegates selected from their high school.

The first STYC meeting was held in Corpus Christi in February 2014.

Subsequent group of members have developed and have brought along two initiatives, proposals which were taken to the state Capitol. [iSol](#).

**STYC** Work with members on a short creative video which aims to promote fiber optic infrastructure in public schools. The story told by students on fiber optic speed connection to the internet, and what it can mean for a classroom in the twenty first century.

Provide opportunities to engage open discussion, and consider a new proposal for 2015.

Work with members and help guide the video along.

Be present and provide in person support on a scenes ready for a shoot.

**School** Principal and STYC make final selection from applications submitted. Provides a sponsor to help coordinate between students and STYC.

Permit the student participating in STYC to receive credit toward community service and some form of school recognition.

Provide an opportunity for a presentation in a class or at an on campus event.

**iCharla** Members have access to the iCharla Podcast Show platform to host and participate in their own podcast.

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[styc.rocks](https://styc.rocks)

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# Student Applying

Your Name	_____		
High School	_____	Grade	_____
Date of Birth	_____	Phone	_____
City	_____	County	_____
email	_____		

**Check List:**

- Statement—400-600 words on why you want to be a member of STYC.
- Principal, Counselor, Teacher, and Parent Consent.
- Support and Activities.

**Submit:** a copy to your principal and forward a copy to: [styc@styc.rocks](mailto:styc@styc.rocks).  
Subject: STYC Special Project 24.

Date Application Submitted
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## Special Project

We support the applicant's request to join STYC.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
High School

### Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Class

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Student Support

By signing below you support the candidate as a good choice  
to join the South Texas Youth Congress.

Student Name

Grade

Signature


Submitted by



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# Transportation

Students are responsible for their own transportation, STYC is not responsible for any private transportation. STYC can reimburse for travel expense.

Students with vehicles are expected to remain present for the duration of STYC related event. If the student must leave early parent is asked to notify us prior to the start of the event.

STYC will notify parent if the student leaves without notice before the end of the Youth Congress event.

## Parent Contact:

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Name

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Relationship to Applicant

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City

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Zip Code

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email

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Phone

Note

# Parent Consent

I grant permission for (Student Name) \_\_\_\_\_

to participate in the South Texas Youth Congress and appear in person or in voice, on video, appear in podcast, photographs, on the South Texas Youth Congress website in keeping with public school standards. Parent can revoke its consent at any time.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**Contact:**

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