

# 2024 NCHC Board of Directors Application

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## 1. Nominee Contact Information

### 1. Applicant Information

**First Name**

Clay

**Last Name**

Loper

**Institution**

Angelo State University

**Email Address**

**Professional Title**

Student

**Mailing Address**

**Apt/Suite/Office**

**City**

San Angelo

**State**

Tx

**Zip**

76904

**Country**

**Phone Number**

**Fax Number**

**Mobile Phone**

**URL**

### 2. Please indicate your membership in NCHC:

My institution is a member

### 3. What type of institution do you serve or attend?

Large Four-Year Institution (10,000-14,999 undergraduates)

### 4. What region is your institution in?

See here to find your region: <https://www.nchchonors.org/resources/regional-honors>

Great Plains

### 5. Which NCHC Officer/Board of Directors Position you are applying for?

For details on the roles and responsibilities of the different positions, see the NCHC Constitution and Bylaws: [https://www.nchchonors.org/uploaded/NCHC\\_FILES/PDFs/NCHC\\_Constitution\\_Bylaws\\_approved\\_2022.pdf](https://www.nchchonors.org/uploaded/NCHC_FILES/PDFs/NCHC_Constitution_Bylaws_approved_2022.pdf)

Student at-Large Member (1-year term)

### 6. Please indicate the nominee's qualifications as outlined in the NCHC Candidate Guidebook.

I have served on an external board: Downtown San Angelo, The WHIT Program

## 2. Student Applicants

### 7. Please list the leadership roles you have had on campus. (Include roles and dates).

2023-24 School Year

President, Honors Student Association

President, Rams Ultimate Frisbee (club sports team)

Parliamentarian, Student Government Association

Senator (Management & Marketing), Student Government Association

2022-23 School Year

Intramural Liaison, Honors Student Association

President, Rams Ultimate Frisbee (club sports team)

Senator (Management & Marketing), Student Government Association

### 8. Please identify trends, challenges, or opportunities you think the National Collegiate Honors Council must address as the needs of students seeking an honors education continue to change.

As the needs of students pursuing an honors education continue to evolve, NCHC should address several of these trends to better serve all students. As a whole, college students have been facing increasing mental health challenges. NCHC should address the unique pressures faced by honors students, such as high expectations, intense workloads, and imposter syndrome. Providing mental health resources, promoting healthy school-life balance, and fostering supportive communities within honors programs can contribute to students' well-being and academic success. Honors education should not only focus on academic excellence and community, but also prepare students for successful careers or additional education. NCHC should collaborate with employers, alumni networks, institutions of higher education, and industry professionals to offer internships, mentorship programs, and career development opportunities. Equipping students with transferable skills, leadership experience, and networking opportunities will enhance their post-graduation prospects and increase the value of an honors education.

### 9. In 250-300 words, please explain the strengths you can contribute as a member of the NCHC Board of Directors and your goals for service in the NCHC. (This statement will be published alongside your photo on the NCHC election ballot.)

My name is Clay Loper, and I appreciate your consideration for this position. I am going into my third year at Angelo State University and am pursuing a double major in Management and Marketing, and an MBA. I am passionate about honors because my honors education has provided so much for me—enhanced academics, research opportunities, engaging discussions, leadership development, and life-long friendships, just to name a few. I welcome any opportunity to use my talents to give back to the honors community, and serving on the NCHC Board would provide that on a national level.

I am very involved in my campus Honors program, and I have seen first-hand the benefit that a quality honors program can provide. I served as an officer in our Honors Student Association last year and will serve as President this upcoming year, and through these experiences, I have learned how to listen and respond to the members of our program. I have also learned how to effectively communicate with others on a team, and those above me, in order to lead effectively and to create positive experiences for peers.

In the summer of 2022, I had the opportunity to participate in the Glacier National Partners in the Park trip. I also attended the 2022 national conference in Dallas. These experiences showed me all of the best parts of the honors community – not only the wonderful interpersonal relationships that I made, but also unique experiences, new ways of thinking, and an overall enhanced education.

I also have experience serving on boards of nonprofits in the San Angelo community. I understand the structure of boards, how to effectively participate as a student, and many of the unique challenges faced by nonprofits. This participation will be beneficial with serving on the board of NCHC.

### 3. Professional Applicants

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**Please list your professional positions in honors education with roles (teaching, administration, etc.) and dates. Please make sure 3 years of service are clearly indicated.**

**Please list your service to NCHC or regional honors organizations with roles and dates. (Include committee membership, board membership, leadership positions, etc.)**

**Please list your involvement in presenting or publishing on honors education. (Include presentations at honors conferences and/or publications in JNCHC, HIP, or the NCHC Monographs.)**

**Please identify trends, challenges, or opportunities you think the National Collegiate Honors Council must address as the needs of students seeking an honors education continue to change.**

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### 4. Application Details

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**10. Please note any key skills or interests you can contribute toward implementation of the strategic initiatives noted below.**

#### 11. Candidate Photo

**Please attach a recent head shot we may use in publicizing your candidacy for the NCHC Board of Directors. Please keep in mind, this photo will be used across our communication platforms in announcing our NCHC Board of Directors candidates, so we recommend uploading a high-resolution photo of yourself.**

[Loper\\_Clay.jpg](#)

#### 12. Letter of Support

**Please upload an institutional letter of support (from the institution's Chief Academic Officer (professional nominees) or honors dean/director (student nominees)). This letter should indicate support for your nomination and service on the Board, which may include financial support and permission to attend NCHC Board of Directors meetings and do the work of the position.**

[Institutional\\_Support\\_Loper\\_2023.pdf](#)

### 5. Thank You!

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