

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

Office of Historic Preservation

program whenever the historic district closest to you is participating in an event.

I am interested in becoming a sponsor or a volunteer, how can I get involved?

We rely 100% on our sponsors and volunteers to make this project happen. If you are interested in being part of S.T.A.R. please contact a member of staff.



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The Students Together Achieving Revitalization (S.T.A.R.) Project is a homeowner assistance program offered by the Office of Historic Preservation in collaboration with the UTSA College of Architecture and the San Antonio College.

Twice a year, architecture and construction management students with the help of local volunteer contractors gather to provide exterior repairs and maintenance to homes in San Antonio's historic districts.



What is Historic Preservation and why is it important?

Historic Preservation is cultural, economic and environmental sustainability at once. It protects the places that matter and make San Antonio unique. Historic Preservation is also the ultimate form of recycling those structures that are already built and the existing infrastructure surrounding them.



Before and after . Government Hill Historic District, Fall 2012.

S.T.A.R. is Preservation

The S.T.A.R. program provides a proactive approach to arresting further deterioration of San Antonio's historic districts. Reinvesting in our older and historic neighborhoods protects our heritage, promotes neighborhoods that are full of



STUDENTS TOGETHER ACHIEVING REVITALIZATION

character and charm, attract new people to downtown and maintains our sense of place for a community. It is also intended to serve as motivation for other homeowners to invest in their homes, spurring revitalization throughout an area. Through S.T.A.R. our office can promote the importance and value of historic preservation and protect and enhance the quality of life in a historic San Antonio neighborhood.



S.T.A.R. is Service Learning

The S.T.A.R. program relies on community service as a vehicle for learning and provides unique experiences not otherwise offered in the curriculum. Students are exposed to real-life situations and apply knowledge gained in the classroom through hands-on application in their community. They not only learn the practical application of their studies but become actively

contributing citizens and community members through the service they perform.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What kind of work do you do?

We can do exterior minor repairs and maintenance including siding, soffit and fascia, porch, window and door repairs, scrape and paint, and overall yard maintenance.



How much does it cost?

We rely 100% on our sponsors to provide the labor and materials needed. All work is provided at no cost to the homeowner.



How do I apply?

Each S.T.A.R. event takes place in a different historic district each time. Only residents of the participating historic district are eligible to apply. We recommend that you visit our website periodically, read our newsletter or attend your neighborhood organization's events and meetings to find out if the program will be available in your area.

Will receiving the assistance raise my taxes?

No, participating in the program will not raise your taxes.

Can you repair my electrical wiring, plumbing and/or mechanical system?

No, all the work is performed by students with the assistance of a contractor. Only minor repairs and maintenance to the exterior of the home qualify for the program.

Can you do work inside my house?

No, only work to the exterior of the home qualifies for the program

At what time of year do the S.T.A.R. events happen?

There are two events each year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. The Spring event is two-weekends long and the Fall event is one-weekend long.



How do I know if my house is in a historic district?

There are 27 historic districts in San Antonio. You can contact a member of staff to find out if your house is in a historic district.

My house is a designated local landmark but it is not in a historic district, can I still apply?

Yes, you will be eligible to apply to the