



**2026-27 House of Representatives Election
Application Packet**

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TIMELINE

- I. **Friday, July 24:** Filing Application Opens at **8:00 AM**
- II. **Tuesday, August 25:** Filing Application Closes at **5:00 PM**
- III. **Wednesday, August 26:** Campaigning Period Begins at **12:01 AM**
- IV. **Friday, August 28:** Ballots emailed to undergraduate students at **9:00 AM**
- V. **Friday, August 28:** Ballot Closes at **5:00 PM**

Eligibility:

- I. Only members of the undergraduate Student Body may run for, apply, be elected to, or hold office or title within the Student Government Association.
- II. Candidates must be members of the college (enrolled in a major in that college) they wish to represent. If applicable, a candidate may run for a maximum of two constituencies.
- III. Candidates must be enrolled in at least 12 hours throughout the duration of their term.
- IV. Candidates must have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 at the time of filing, with the exception of incoming students, and must maintain this GPA throughout their term.
- V. Students who have been, or currently are, on disciplinary probation with the University are prohibited from running for office.
- VI. Any member of the Student Government Association whose cumulative GPA, who withdraws, graduates from the University, or studies abroad will be considered as having resigned his or her position.
- VII. The SGA advisor will verify the eligibility of candidates at the time of filing.

Filing:

- I. Representative candidates will file through an online application made public by the Elections Board Chair.
- II. Applications will be due by the end of the filing period. Late applications will not be accepted.
- III. Candidates will be notified when their filing documents have been approved.

Campaigning Guidelines:

- I. Campaigning is defined as any public action initiated by a candidate to persuade members of the student body to vote for or against one or more candidates.
- II. No campaigning is permitted before the campaign period begins on the date specified in the House Representative Election Guidelines.
- III. Campaigning is allowed on campus only.
- IV. Candidates for representative are not permitted to have campaign teams or volunteers, meaning no one may campaign for the candidate besides themselves.
- V. Before campaigning in residence halls, candidates must have the permission of the respective hall director.
- VI. Any campaigning in other university buildings must be approved by the appropriate entity and follow any building-specific advertising guidelines.
- VII. Campaign materials promoting multiple candidates will not be allowed. This means no running on a “bill” or “ticket.”
- VIII. Unsolicited communication with members of the student body is prohibited. Unsolicited communication will be defined as the communication of campaign rhetoric, such as spam and mass messaging, that is deemed excessive by the recipient.
- IX. Candidates are not permitted to create their own voting booths.
- X. Third-party endorsements are forbidden (e.g., endorsements from any fraternity, sorority, faculty, or staff).
- XI. Candidates for representative are limited to \$100 in spending for campaigning purposes. Expense reports for campaigning purchases will be provided by the Election Board Chair and will be due the day following the election.
- XII. No donations in the form of in-kind donations of goods or services that would not be made reasonably available to all candidates are allowed as well as monetary donations to the candidate.

Campaign Violations/Appeal Process:

- I. Campaign violations include but are not limited to:
 - a. Early campaigning
 - b. Exceeding campaign spending limits
 - c. Misstating campaign expenses
 - d. Using campaign methods not permitted per the Elections Guidelines
 - e. Violating the TCU Code of Student Conduct or other applicable university and SGA policies.
 - f. Engaging in any form of negative campaigning including defamation of character, libel, slander or altering an opponent's campaign materials
- II. All violations will be assessed by the Elections Board Chair, and the appropriate sanctions will be conveyed to the candidate.
- III. Should a candidate be found in violation of campaigning procedures and rules on multiple accounts, the status of their candidacy will be reviewed.

Election and Results:

- I. Representative elections will be held on the date specified in the House Representative Election Guidelines.
- II. Students will receive an email sent to their TCU email account with a unique voting link to vote for each of the constituencies they are eligible to vote for. All undergraduate students are eligible to vote.
- III. The winners of each constituency will be those receiving the most votes.
- IV. All candidates will be notified of the results via email within 48 hours of the close of the election. Election results will also be posted on social media.

Oath

The Speaker of the House shall administer the oath of all newly elected Student Body Officers at the regular House meeting directly following the election. The oath shall be as follows:

“I (state your name) do most solemnly and sincerely swear to faithfully serve the students of Texas Christian University, to execute the duties and responsibilities of the office I hold, to represent the interests of the student body as a whole, and to maintain and uphold the constitution of the student body, so help me God.”

The religious reference may be omitted at the request of the student taking the oath.

Please contact Elections Board Chair Owen Mlakar

with any questions you may have.

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