

The
Mr. and Ms.
Tennessee Tech University
Election Rules
of the
STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION

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Mr. and Ms. Tennessee Tech Election Rules

Rule 1: Candidate Requirements

Rule 1a: GPA

Candidates must have at least a 2.75 cumulative grade point average (GPA) at the time of the election.

Rule 1b: Classification

Candidates must have earned at least 60 credits (i.e., have achieved junior status) at the time of the election. Graduate students are considered to have met the requirements of this rule. Candidates who are full-time employees of Tennessee Technological University shall not be eligible for candidacy.

Rule 1c: Enrollment

Candidates must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (i.e., are a full-time student) at the time of the election.

Rule 1d: Affiliation

Candidates must be sponsored by a registered student organization (RSO) as defined by University Policy 315 or an athletic team as defined by the Director of Athletics. RSOs and teams may only sponsor one candidate.

No member of the Commission for Elections shall be eligible for candidacy. Any candidate who is also a member of the SGA will dismiss themselves from any homecoming affiliations (e.g. Commission for Elections, Homecoming Committee, etc.).

Rule 1e: Eligibility

Candidates must sign a FERPA release allowing the SGA Advisor the ability to verify their eligibility under these rules.

Rule 2: Candidate Obligations

Rule 2a: Registration

Individuals are required to submit an application for candidacy by 11:59 PM on

Monday, October 12th, 2026. The application shall include the submission of a headshot to be used in promotional materials for the election.

Rule 2b: General Attendance

Candidates are required to attend all meetings defined in these rules or as specified by the Commission for Elections.

Rule 2c: Attendance of Information Sessions

Candidates shall attend one of the two information sessions. The first will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026, in room 246 of the Roaden University Center. The second will be held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 16th, 2026, in room 369 of the Roaden University Center. Options to join these information sessions via Microsoft Teams will be provided.

Candidates who are unable to attend either of the sessions described in this Rule shall not be eligible for candidacy.

Rule 2d: Communicating Rules

The candidate is responsible for communicating these Rules to their nominating organization, their campaign representative(s), and any organization or individual from which they receive an endorsement.

Rule 2e: Social Media

Candidates shall set any social media account used for campaigning to “public” for the duration of campaign season.

Rule 3: Campaigning

Rule 3a: Definition of Campaigning

Campaigning refers to the act of distributing campaign material, advertising in newspapers, on signage, on the radio, and/or online (including social media), attending a meeting for the purpose of promoting one’s candidacy, and/or setting up tables/booths to promote the candidate.

Rule 3b: Campaign Representatives

A campaign representative (or “representative”) is any individual or group who assists the candidate in planning, organizing, and executing their campaign efforts to be elected as Mr. or Ms. Tennessee Tech. This includes, but is not limited to, promoting the candidate, coordinating events, and engaging with the

student body to garner support for the candidate.

Rule 3c: Campaign Season

Campaign season shall begin at 8:00 AM on Monday, October 19th, 2026, and shall end at 4:30 PM on Monday, November 2nd, 2026.

Rule 3d: Prohibited Conduct

Candidates or campaign representatives shall not:

- Send mass communications to or from university accounts
- Place campaign material on another individual's property without their consent
- Participate in door-to-door campaigning or knocking
- Make vulgar or disparaging remarks directed towards another candidate
- Table in the Cafeteria, Swoops, Which-Wich, Starbucks, Poet's Coffee, or any additional Dining Services location
- Campaign in the SGA office or at non-homecoming related SGA functions

Additionally, candidates or campaign representatives shall be immediately disqualified and referred to the Dean of Students for the following:

- Collecting T-numbers, PIN Numbers, or login information of other students
- Attempting to vote using the information of other students
- Tampering or interfering with an election or a student's right to vote, including, but not limited to, requiring someone to provide evidence of voting in an election
- Bribing, coercing, or threatening students into voting on or off campus, or Bribes include, but are not limited to, the promise or exchange of goods, favors, and/or drawing entries for raffles for promised votes.

Rule 3e: Endorsements

Only students or groups comprised exclusively of students may, with prior approval of the candidate, publicly endorse a candidate.

Endorsements from groups, organizations, or individuals outside the student body is strictly prohibited.

Rule 4: Campaign Materials

Rule 4a: Definition of Materials

Campaign material(s) refers to any promotional items or content created to support and advertise a candidate's campaign to the student body. This includes, but is not limited to, posters, flyers, social media posts, banners, buttons, videos, and any other media used to convey the candidate's message and encourage votes.

Rule 4b: Placing Campaign Material in Non-residential Campus Buildings

All campaign material must be approved by the [building coordinator\(s\)](#) (see Appendix 1) of a particular non-residential campus building via e-mail before being placed in that building.

All digital campaign material to be placed on digital signage in nonresidential buildings must be submitted to sga@tntech.edu. Image dimensions shall be 1920 x 900 pixels (or a multiple thereof) for horizontal screens and 1080 x 1740 pixels (or a multiple thereof) for vertical screens.

Rule 4c: Placing Campaign Material in Residential Campus Buildings

All campaign material must be approved by the Office of University Housing & Residential Life via e-mail at reslife@tntech.edu before being placed in any residential building or buildings.

General guidelines for the posting of campaign material in residential buildings are maintained by the Office of University Housing & Residential Life. Candidates may contact the Office at ResLife@tntech.edu or at (931) 372-3414.

Rule 4d: Placement of Campaign Material by the Student Government Association

The Student Government Association shall place posters of each candidate in the windows of the campus bookstore facing the hallway leading to Swoops.

This rule shall apply notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 4e.

Rule 4e: Prohibited Placements

No campaign material may be placed on any painted surface, door, or window.

No campaign material may be placed in classrooms or on electronic platforms that have been set up as an extension of the classroom.

Chalk shall not be used on any covered area, vertical surface, or brick surface other than the floor of Centennial Plaza.

Rule 4f: Removal of Campaign Material

All campaign material shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours following the end of campaign season.

Rule 4g: Awesome Eagle

No candidate shall create or distribute campaign material that features Awesome Eagle or implies that Awesome Eagle supports their candidacy.

Rule 5: Campaign Finances**Rule 5a: Campaign Expenditures**

A candidate's total expenditures shall include all goods and services purchased by or donated (including monetary or in-kind contributions) to a candidate or campaign that are used during campaign season.

If an item or expense is not actually used as part of the public facing campaign, then it does count towards the candidate's spending limit.

Rule 5b: In-kind Contributions

An in-kind contribution shall be regarded as anything contributed to a candidate other than money, excluding campaign volunteers.

In-kind contributions for the use of campaign fundraising or printing of campaign paraphernalia must be reported and will count toward the maximum expenditure a candidate may spend.

Receipts for these contributions must be submitted with expenditure reports.

Rule 5c: Fair Market Value

The fair market value of a donated item or in-kind contribution shall be the value recorded on the final expenditure report.

Fair market value is determined by the candidate securing two price estimates of the exact item to be used on the campaign, the average of which is to be included in the expenditure report. Both estimates must contain the name, e-mail address, and phone number of the entities furnishing the estimates.

Barring a reasonable doubt, the Commission will recognize the retail value paid for a good or service at its fair market value. The Commission reserves the right to reassign value to a good or service in response to a complaint that the good or service is not reported at its fair market value.

Rule 5d: Spending Limit

Candidates and their campaign representatives shall spend no more than five hundred dollars (\$500) collectively per campaign.

No pairs or groups of candidates may combine budgets or paid campaign materials.

Rule 5e: Itemized Budget

Candidates shall provide an itemized budget (including receipts or invoices of each item) including donations to the Commission for Elections at sgasecretary@tntech.edu no later than one (1) hour following the end of campaign season.

Candidates shall ensure that all financial documentation submitted to the Commission has been properly redacted and personal account information removed.

Rule 5f: Public Record

All financial information submitted by candidates is public record, and the Commission for Elections shall take caution that all reasonable confidentiality is protected regarding credit card and account numbers.

Rule 5g: Usage of Campus-wide Funding

Candidates and their campaign representatives shall not apply or receive money from any campus-wide fund (ex. the S.O.L.O. Fund, Chapter 606, etc.) for the purpose of promoting a candidate, a group of candidates, or the election itself. Violation of the Rule shall result in disqualification and potential probation from receiving S.O.L.O. funds in the future for a period defined by the Commission for Elections.

Rule 6: Campaign Violations

Rule 6a: Enforcement

The Commission for Elections shall interpret and enforce all rules contained within fairly and impartially.

Rule 6b: Reporting Violations

Any student shall have the right to file a complaint concerning potential violations of these Rules. Complaints must be sent via e-mail to sgasecretary@tntech.edu. Oral complaints or anonymous complaints will not be accepted.

Complaints must contain the following:

- Name of the candidate and/or individual(s) who committed the alleged violation
- Brief description of the alleged violation, including date and time of the incident
- Any applicable evidence

Complaints must be filed within 24 hours of the violation or within 24 hours of when the violation could be reasonably known.

The respondent to the complaint will be notified within twelve (12) hours upon receipt of said complaint by the Chair of the Commission for Elections. The respondent will then have twelve (12) hours to submit a response.

The Commission shall review all complaints within twelve (12) hours of receiving all materials, including the response from the respondent, to determine if a hearing is warranted.

Rule 6c: Adjudicating Violations

Upon written concurrence by a majority of Commission members that a complaint merits a hearing, then a hearing shall be scheduled within two (2) business days. In the hearing, the person or persons filing the complaint shall carry the burden of proof that it is more likely than not that there has been any violation(s) of the election rules.

If the Commission decides to hear a complaint, a member of the Commission designated by the Commission will inform all candidates and campaign representatives involved of both the violations they have been alleged to commit and a summary of the evidence. The respondent is found responsible only if a majority vote of the Commission finds them responsible upon a preponderance of the evidence.

If the Commission finds the accused party responsible of committing an election violation, the commission has the discretion to impose a penalty.

The Commission for Elections maintains the right to publicly disclose the findings of any hearings on the SGA website.

Rule 6d: Penalties for Violations

Except as defined in these rules, the Commission for Elections shall have full authority to determine the penalty for violating election rules.

Possible penalties for violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Restriction of Campaigning – A candidate may be restricted from campaigning online and/or in-person in certain locations or for specified time periods.
- Assignment of Community Service Hours – A candidate or a representative of their campaign may be assigned no more than five (5) community service hours, in proportion to the severity of the violation. The Student Engagement office shall be responsible for overseeing the completion of any imposed community service hours.
- Imposition of Probation – While on probation, if a candidate or a representative of their campaign is found violating these Rules again before the end of the probation period, the candidate is disqualified.

- Subtraction of Votes – If a candidate or a representative of their campaign has been found to have given themselves an illegal or unfair advantage in the election, the Commission may choose to remedy that advantage by the subtraction of votes proportional to the severity of the violation.
- Disqualification – If a candidate or a representative of their campaign has been found to have committed an egregious violation of these rules, they may be disqualified without recourse for appeal.

Rule 7: Election Day Regulations

Rule 7a: Election Day

Election Day shall be Monday, November 2nd, 2026.

Rule 7b: Voting Timeframe

The period of voting shall begin on Election Day at 9:00 AM and shall end at 4:30 PM.

Rule 7c: Voting Method

Voting shall be done online via ranked-choice survey.

The SGA shall instruct the student body on how to vote via e-mail and social media.

Rule 7d: Certification of Results

The Commission for Elections shall examine the election results as soon as reasonably practical following the end of the period of voting and the final filing of candidate budgets. When the Commission is satisfied that no technological malfunction has occurred and that every vote was counted accurately, it shall certify the results.

Rule 7e: Announcement of Results

The Commission for Elections shall announce the members of the Homecoming Court immediately following certification outside the SGA office. Due to time and space constraints, the maximum size of the Homecoming Court shall be sixteen (16) candidates, of which a maximum of eight (8) may be candidates for Mr. Tennessee Tech and a maximum of eight (8) may be candidates for Ms. Tennessee Tech.

In the event of there being more candidates for Mr. Tennessee Tech than Ms. Tennessee Tech (or vice versa), the Commission for Elections shall appoint a volunteer to escort each unpaired candidate who has successfully been elected to the Homecoming Court.

Mr. and Ms. Tennessee Tech shall be announced at the Homecoming football game during halftime. Other awards and recognitions shall be announced immediately before or following.

Rule 8: Awards and Recognitions

Rule 8a: Eligibility

Candidates not chosen for Mr. and Ms. Tennessee Tech but otherwise were successfully elected to the Homecoming Court shall be exclusively eligible for the awards and recognitions defined in Rule 8.

Rule 8b: Mr. and Ms. Service

Candidates are encouraged to give back to their community. They are given this opportunity through participation in the Tennessee Tech Food Pantry food drive.

The candidates will receive a list of items eligible for the food drive during the information session and makeup session described in Rules 2c and 2d.

Each candidate shall be responsible for talking about the food drive to their peers and student organizations.

Mr. and Ms. TN Tech candidates will have the duration of the campaign season to collect and turn in their goods to the Tennessee Tech Food Pantry for counting.

The candidates that collect the most amount of goods will be named Mr. and Ms. Service during the halftime show.

Rule 8c: Mr. and Ms. Spirit

Candidates are encouraged to be active participants in campus life. They are given this opportunity through participating in homecoming week events.

The Commission for Elections shall publish guidance containing the list of events, the time at which each event shall occur, and the method by which a winner is determined for each event, at least two weeks before the start of homecoming week.

The candidates that attain the most points overall will be named Mr. and Ms. Spirit during the halftime show.

Appendix 1

Building Coordinators as of July 23, 2026

This roster is maintained administratively by the Emergency Manager under Section 8.4 and reflects appointments for the current program year (July 1 – June 30). The public version of this roster, published on the Department of Campus Safety website, is produced by removing the *Supervisor of Record* column. The published roster is the roster of record and supersedes any printed copy.

Building	Role	Name	Title	Email	Phone
MBRC	Primary	Kyle Dickerson	Assistant Director	Tkdickerson@tntech.edu	6208
MBRC	Extension	Mike Storch	Coordinator	Mstorch@tntech.edu	6509
MBRC	Alternate	James Crider	Programs Specialist	Jcrider@tntech.edu	6024
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RUC	Extension	Molly Webb	Assistant Director	mfwebb@tntech.edu	6252
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LSC	Extension	James Ventrice	Assistant Laboratory Coordinator	jventrice@tntech.edu	3580
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FNDH	Extension	Debe Yu	Administrator	debyu@tntech.edu	6132
FNDH	Alternate	Rene Watson	Financial Associate	swatson@tntech.edu	3706
LIBR	Primary	Rob Wright	Assistant Director Library Operating	Rewright@tntech.edu	6451
LIBR	Extension	Amanda Powell	Director, iCube	Apowell@tntech.edu	6334
LIBR	Alternate	Kelly McCallister	Dean, Library	Kmccallister@tntech.edu	3884
PRSC	Primary	Michelle	Programs Manager	Mdavis@tntech.edu	6386

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PRSC	Extension	Kinwa Leung	Comp. Specialist	Kleung@tnitech.edu	3354
PRSC	Alternate	Liz Humphrey	Director of Labs	ehumphrey@tnitech.edu	3325
AIEB	Primary	Melanie Hutcherson	Administrative Asst. to Dean	mrhutcherson@tnitech.edu	3832
AIEB	Extension	Travis Lee	Cybersecurity Tech	tlee@tnitech.edu	3759
AIEB	Alternate	Liz Humphrey	Director of Labs	ehumphrey@tnitech.edu	3325
MGYM	Coordinator	Christy Killman	Chairperson	Ckillman@tnitech.edu	3467
MGYM	Alternate	Jennifer Goad	Admin Associate	Jlgoad@tnitech.edu	3467
JOHN	Coordinator				
JOHN	Alternate				
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BELL	Alternate	Casey Garrison	Director	Cgarrison@tnitech.edu	3689
BELL-HS	Coordinator	Leigh Ann Ray	Director	lray@tnitech.edu	3320
BELL-HS	Alternate	Dalenna Horton	Admin. Assoc.	Dhorton@tnitech.edu	3320
CLEM	Coordinator	Ted McWilliams	Director, SSC	Tmcwilliams@tnitech.edu	3833
CLEM	Alternate	Beth Powell	Director, Academic Advising	Epowell@tnitech.edu	3540
PENN	Coordinator	Aubree Hill	Assistant Laboratory Coordinator	aubreehill@tnitech.edu	3126
PENN	Alternate	Steve Hayslette	Department Chair	shayslette@tnitech.edu	3146
DBRY	Coordinator	Aleta Cannon	Admin. Assoc.	cacannon@tnitech.edu	3241

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DBRY	Alternate	Becky Smith	Asst. to Pres/ Board Sec.	rsmith@tnitech.edu	3554
BRUN	Coordinator	Liz Walker	Equipment Technician	ewalker@tnitech.edu	3534
BRUN	Alternate	Mary Kidd	Department Chair	mkidd@tnitech.edu	3477
BFA	Coordinator	Colin Hill	School Director	Cjhill@tnitech.edu	6406
BFA	Alternate	Jennifer Shank	Dean	Jshank@tnitech.edu	3016
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BRWN	Alternate	Conard Murray	R&D Engineer	Cmurray@tnitech.edu	3718
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OKLY	Alternate	Erica Dyer	Professional	edyer@tnitech.edu	3149
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HEND	Alternate	Amy Jo Carpenter	Administrative Associate	ajcarpenter@tnitech.edu	3118
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FARR	Coordinator	Lisa Zagumny	Dean	Lzagumny@tnitech.edu	3324
FARR	Alternate	Matthew Smith	Associate Dean	Mrsmith@tnitech.edu	3177
RMH	Coordinator	Darek Potter	Director	Dpotter@tnitech.edu	6573

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RMH	Alternate	Carlos Galindo	Assistant Director	Cgalindo@tnitech.edu	6599
SWH	Coordinator	Dylcia Cowan	Assistant to the Dean	dcowan@tnitech.edu	3366
SWH	Alternate	Lisa Brown	Academic Advisor	lbrown@tnitech.edu	6230
CDL	Coordinator	Angie Smith	Director	Angiesmith@tnitech.edu	6262
CDL	Alternate	Adrienne Pennington	Teacher	Appenington@tnitech.edu	6272
USVC	Coordinator	DeLayne Mille	Sustainability Manager	Dlmiller@tnitech.edu	3021
USVC	Alternate	Kevin Thompson	Telecom Manager	Kthompson@tnitech.edu	3996
KITT	Coordinator	Phil Roberson	Laboratory Manager	rproberson@tnitech.edu	3522
KITT	Alternate	Peter Li	Department Chair	pli@tnitech.edu	3752
MATT/DANL	Coordinator	Mike Hoane	Chairperson	Mhoane@tnitech.edu	3562
MATT/DANL	Alternate	Stephanie Kazanas	Faculty	Skazanas@tnitech.edu	3560
BART	Coordinator	Jeremy Wendt	Chairperson	Jwendt@tnitech.edu	3181
BART	Alternate	Olivia Newman	Admin Associate	Onewman@tnitech.edu	3181
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SLH	Alternate	Dylan Duvall	Laboratory Coordinator	dylanduvall@tnitech.edu	3536
VARS	Coordinator	Elizabeth Williams	Executive Director	ewilliams@tnitech.edu	6101
VARS	Alternate	Lauren Hall	Assistant Director	lghall@tnitech.edu	3054
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AWC	Alternate	Michael Phillips	Faculty	Mbphillips@tnitech.edu	3469