

Freshmen Election Guidelines 2023

The Freshman Election will be October 5 all 24 hours and October 6 from 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The following is a list of guidelines that all candidates must abide by. Any obstruction of the rules presented here or in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Associated Student of the University of Nebraska-Kearney will result in having your name removed from the ballot. Please read the information carefully to ensure that you are aware of all the rules and guidelines.

- All candidates must fill out the approved application for Freshman Student Senator. Prior to filling out the application. It is required for all candidates to attend one of two information sessions. After attending a session, an application will be emailed to you. Paper applications are also available and valid.
- All candidates must have an application filled out with the needed requirements by Wednesday, September 20 at 5:00 PM
- A candidate will run as a freshman Class representative, which will also serve as an official member of Student Government.
- To be eligible for election to the Senate; Senators who represent the Freshman Class shall be one who is a freshman who has:
 - Completed less than (12) collegiate class credit hours.
 - is enrolled at the University of Nebraska at Kearney,
 - Is not on academic probation, is a degree seeking student,
 - Is in good standing with the University,
 - Is not a member of the Judicial or Executive Branches of Student Government.
 - If a student has class credits coming in from high school, that is permitted.
- All campaign material that is to be distributed or displayed (including social media campaigns) must be approved by the Election Commissioner or the Student Government Advisor. Any inappropriate or illegal posting will result in a warning to the candidate and removal of posted material.
- A copy of the winning candidates' receipts for campaign materials will be required to be turned in to the Election Commissioner Chief or the Student Government Advisor 24 hours after the results have been announced.
- If a candidate or candidate's staff is caught taking down other candidate's campaign material, their name will be removed from the ballot.
- Candidates for Student Senate may receive no more than 50 dollars in donations from a single organization or individual. No candidate for Student Senate may spend more than 100 dollars in campaign expenditures including purchased and non-purchased materials. If a candidate spends

more than this, that candidate will be taken off the ballot, or will be disqualified if this is realized after the elections.

- Candidates wishing to advertise in the Academic buildings must take their commissioner approved materials (paper and digital) to the Dean or building supervisor of the respective halls for approval.
- A Candidates staff is an extension of the candidate. Staff will be held to the same election guidelines as the candidate. If a staff member breaks the Election Guidelines as set forth by the Election Commissioner and the Election Commissioner's Staff, the candidate will be held responsible, and punishment will depend on the offense.
- All staff members must be approved by the Election Commissioner. A staff member is not allowed to hang, remove, send digital flyers, social media or disperse campaign material until the Election Commissioner has approved that candidate and materials. If an unapproved staff member is caught hanging, removing, or dispersing campaign material the candidate's name will be removed from the ballot. Election Day.

***Note:** For Paper Flyers, they are only to be added to the designated bulletin boards on campus, not on walls, bathroom stalls, etc.

- Applications will be emailed online to interested parties who have attended the required Freshman Election informational meeting or visited with the Election Commissioner. All campaign materials must be removed by the candidates or candidate's staff by midnight October 9, 2023.
- Candidates wishing to advertise in the Residence Halls must take their commissioner approved material to the Office of Residential Life. Material will be dispersed by the Hall Directors of the respective halls. Copies of materials must be checked with Residence Life.

This is a list of residence halls for both Orca (digital) and flyers (flyers include both paper and digital on Orca (residence life), Poppulo and Student Union digital TV's.

Antelope/Nester (North and South)

Randall/Mantor

CTE/CTW

URN/URS

Men's Hall

Martin Hall

Campaigning may begin Monday, September 25, 2023, so long as your application has been turned in, you've attended an information session and approved by the Election Commissioner, Ella Ferguson at fergusonef@lopers.unk.edu

Further questions can be directed to the Office of Student Engagement, 142 in the Student Union or contact Renae Zimmer, Student Senate Advisor at (308) 865-8393. Office of Student Engagement hours are M-F 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.