

Freshman Election Guidelines 2026

Election Dates

The 2026 Freshman Student Senate Election will take place:

- **Thursday, October 1, 2026 (24 hours)**
 - **Friday, October 2, 2026 (5:00 p.m.)**
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Mandatory Information Sessions

To be eligible to run for Freshman Student Senate, candidates must attend **one** of the following sessions:

- **Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**

 **Location:** Student Engagement Office (SEL), Room 151 – Think Tank

After attending, candidates will receive access to the application.

Application Deadline

- **Monday, September 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

All applications must be submitted by this deadline.

Campaigning Period

- Campaigning may begin: **Friday, September 18, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. (noon)**
 - Campaigning is only permitted after:
 - Application approval
 - Campaign materials approval by the Election Commissioner
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Eligibility Requirements

To run for Freshman Class Representative, you must:

- Have completed **fewer than 12 collegiate credit hours**
 - Be enrolled at the **University of Nebraska at Kearney**
 - Be a **degree-seeking student in good academic and judicial standing**
 - Not be a member of the **Judicial or Executive branches** of Student Government
 - **High school dual credit does not affect eligibility**
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Campaign Rules

- All campaign materials (including social media) must be **approved** before distribution
 - Unapproved or inappropriate materials will be removed and may result in a warning or further action
 - **Receipts must be submitted within 24 hours** after election results are announced
 - Tampering with another candidate's materials will result in **disqualification**
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Spending Limits

- Maximum individual donation: **\$50**
 - Total campaign budget: **\$100** (includes donated and purchased items)
 - Exceeding limits will result in **disqualification**
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Posting Guidelines

- Materials may only be posted on **designated bulletin boards**
- No posting on walls, doors, bathroom stalls, etc.

Additional approvals required:

- Academic buildings → Dean or Building Supervisor
- Residence halls → Office of Residential Life

Approved Residence Halls:

- Antelope/Nester (North & South)
- Randall/Mantor
- CTW/CTE
- URS/URN
- Men's Hall
- Martin Hall
- Armstrong Hall

Campaign Staff Rules

- All campaign staff must be **approved by the Election Commissioner**
- Staff must follow all campaign rules
- Violations by staff may result in **candidate disqualification**

Post-Election Clean-Up

- All campaign materials must be removed by:
Monday, October 5, 2026 at midnight

Contacts and Questions

- **Election Commissioner:** [Insert Name & Email]
- **Student Senate Advisor:** Renae Zimmer
 (308) 865-8393
- **Location:** Student Engagement Office – Room 142, Student Union
- **Office Hours:** Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.