



RICE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

2018 RICE STUDENT ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS
McKINZIE CHAMBERS, DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
INFORMATION PACKET FOR CANDIDATES

Includes:

Petition (due Monday, March 26th at 11:59PM in the
Student Association Office, Next to Coffeehouse)

Campaign Rules and Summary

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UCourt Chair, Campanile Editor-in-Chief, KTRU Station Manager

2018 Second Round Elections Petition

We, the undersigned, nominate _____

for the position of _____.

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Candidate Signature: _____

Candidate Email: _____ Candidate Phone No.: _____

Petitions and campaign statements are due at **11:59PM on March 26th, 2018**. Please submit a hard copy of your petition to the Student Association office, next to Coffeehouse, and an electronic copy of your campaign statement to the Director of Elections (*mac27@rice.edu*) before the deadline.

Contact Director of Elections McKinzie Chambers (*mac27@rice.edu*) with any questions or problems.

Candidacy

Any member of the Student Association (as certified by the most recent class rolls of the Registrar) who is not currently on probation may run for office. In the case of Honor Council representatives, candidates cannot have been found in violation of the Honor Code. *Some offices, marked below with an asterisk, have additional requirements (refer to the SA Constitution and Bylaws and to the constitution and bylaws of the subsidiary organization, where applicable).*

Amendments, Referenda and Initiatives

If a student or organization wishes to pass a referendum or an initiative, adjust the blanket tax, amend the SA Constitution or take any other action in the General Election, they are required to contact the Director of Elections (McKinzie Chambers, mac27@rice.edu) and SA Deputy Parliamentarian (Nick Jerge, naj6@rice.edu) before the petition deadline. The Student Senate will introduce any necessary legislation at its March 26th meeting and finalize the ballot at its April 2nd meeting. Refer to the SA Constitution for specific information pertaining to amendments, referenda and initiatives.

Positions in the 2018 Second Round Elections

University Court Chair*
Campanile Editor and Chief*
KTRU Station Manager*

Campaigning & Communication

The Election Committee will use email to contact candidates, so please check it on a regular basis. Please consult this document and Bylaw 6 “Elections” of the SA Bylaws about information relating to campaigning. Honor Council candidates should also consult the constitution and bylaws of the Honor Council.

Basic Information

- Polling will start April 2nd at 10 p.m., and will end April 5th at 10 p.m.. Results will be announced on the SA website and provided to student media blanket tax organizations.
- Candidates and causes will have the chance to write a 250-word campaign statement to be published on the SA website.
- Electronic campaigning, including social media and personal campaign websites, is allowed. **Campaign email from candidates or causes is prohibited .**
- Candidates and causes will have the chance to upload an optional election video to be published on the SA website and other SA electronic resources. Contact the director of elections (mac27@rice.edu) if interested.
- The Election Committee reserves the right to remove any campaign materials deemed inappropriate. Anyone campaigning on behalf of a candidate or cause is also bound by this election code.
- The Election Committee reserves the right to remove any candidate found in violation of these rules with the consent of the Student Association Executive Committee.

Campaign Statements (Due April 26th, 11:59PM)

Candidates must include with their petition a campaign statement of not more than 250 words to be published on the SA website or a signed and dated statement affirming that they have chosen to waive their right to submit a campaign statement. Representatives of causes and representatives of groups opposing those causes may also submit campaign statements, although the Election Committee reserves the right to limit, if necessary, statements published to one statement in favor of and one statement in opposition to each cause.

Candidates must also submit a picture for the SA website by the petition deadline (April 5th, 11:59PM). Submit photos and campaign statements to the director of elections, McKinzie Chambers (mac27@rice.edu).

A candidate's petition for inclusion on the ballot will be considered incomplete until a campaign statement or waiver is submitted. Campaign statements or waivers will not be accepted past the February 5th deadline without special permission from the Election Committee.

Election Timeline

March 19, 9PM -- Announcement and Petition Available

March 26, 11:59PM -- Election Petitions due to SA office, campaign statements due to mac27@rice.edu

March 28, 12PM -- Campaigning Begins

April 2, 10PM -- Ballot Approved

April 2, 11:59PM -- Finance Form Due

April 2, 10PM -- Election period begins

April 5, 10PM -- Election period ends

April 6 -- Election results announced on SA website

Campaign Finance

Non-presidential candidates may spend and will be reimbursed up to \$75 for campaign costs. Presidential candidates may spend and will be reimbursed up to \$100 for campaign costs. Causes can spend up to \$250 for campaign costs. Candidates will be reimbursed for their campaign costs, with receipts or other proof of purchase. **Candidates may not spend more than these amounts.**

All campaign purchases will be valued **at market value.**

ALL campaigns must submit a campaign finance form, regardless of spending amount (including zero dollars). Forms are due April 2nd at 11:59 PM to the SA office. Failure to submit a finance form may result in disqualification from the election at the discretion of the Director of Elections. Direct all campaign finance questions to the Director of Elections (mac27@rice.edu).

Please check sa.rice.edu for up-to-date information about the election.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

McKinzie Chambers

Director of Elections

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