



## Election Guidelines

The following is a list of guidelines regarding your school nominating a candidate for a North Dakota Association of Student Council office.

- The state constitution indicates that you must be in the 11th grade to be eligible as a high school level candidate. There will be no Middle Level Officers elected in December.
- No school may nominate more than one candidate.
- Campaign materials will be provided by the candidate, abiding by the following guidelines:
  - Each candidate:
    - is allowed one poster up to 6' by 6' **to be hung in the main ballroom**. This banner can be hung beginning at 2pm on Sunday All other campaign materials will be limited to the courtyard. Any materials found in hallways, or the ballroom area will be removed.
    - will have an eight-foot table preassigned in the courtyard that they may decorate and use to distribute campaign material. **Standard Size Tri-Fold Project Board - max size 36" x 48" is permitted to be displayed on this table.**
    - will spend no more than \$200.00 for campaign materials such as buttons, pencils, etc. It does not matter if it is purchased or donated, the value should not exceed \$200.00.
    - is allowed 100 sheets of 8.5" x 11" paper to be handed out to voting delegates in the courtyard.
    - No food, beverages or candy allowed during the campaign.
  - Courtyard info:
    - Setup goes from **Sunday, 5:15 pm- 5:45 pm**. Setup is not allowed earlier than 5:15 pm. Table location will be preassigned by NDASC Facilitators.
    - Sound systems are not allowed. The state officers will provide music for the courtyard area.
    - Campaign table cleanup will be Monday at 8:45 am
      - **Note: 6x6 posters can remain in the ballroom**
- Speeches:
  - are given on Sunday, and the primary election will be held Monday.
  - will not exceed three minutes (this includes videos, introductions, and entrances).
  - should address the reasons why a candidate wishes to serve as a state officer, should be serious in nature, and should be reviewed by the candidate's advisor.
  - The candidates will not be allowed to throw candy or any other objects during, before or after their speech.
  - NDASC will provide a computer and video projector.
  - If a candidate uses video footage of any kind, it can only be one minute and 30 seconds. The remaining time should be a live presentation.
    - All candidate videos **must** be uploaded to a flash drive so that we can simply transfer them to our computer at the conference.
    - YouTube, Google Drive, or other cloud drives should not be considered reliable due to the dependency on a strong Wi-Fi connection and the extended time that they may take to download on our device at the conference.
- Hot Seat Questions will take place Monday.
- Gender appropriate attire is required during campaign presentations and videos.
- The candidates should be available for questions and comments during conference activities.
- The candidate's advisor will be responsible for monitoring the entire election process.

**To officially nominate a candidate, please see the Google Form at <https://www.ndcel.org/page/ndasc>**