



SENATE VACANCY APPLICATION

This form must be completely filled out and signed on the reverse side in order for a student to qualify for a position in SGA. Spots open for application are:

1. College of Nursing Senator
2. College of Engineering Senator
3. Graduate School Senator

Full Name _____

Position that you are applying for _____

ULID _____ E-mail Address _____

Local Address _____
(NOT A RESIDENCE HALL ADDRESS)

Local Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Class _____ Major _____

Polo Shirts Size (Male) _____ (Female) _____ T-shirt size _____

Date of Birth _____

Some of the above information submitted may be used for press releases in your hometown newspaper in the event you are elected. If you do not wish to have this information released, please inform the SGA office.

In order to apply for a position in the SGA Senate, you must be a full time student, have a declared major within your college, have a minimum **2.5 GPA**, and not be on probation. Graduate students shall have at least a **3.0 GPA**.

My signature below acknowledges that I give the UL Lafayette Student Government Association my permission to check my academic standing for the purpose of determining my eligibility for candidacy and for eligibility to remain in office if elected.

Signature

Date

DEADLINE: February 10th @ 12:00 PM

If you have any questions, feel welcome to stop by the SGA office in the Student Union - Room 159 or call 482-2742. Questions can also be emailed to sga@louisiana.edu

Bylaws and Rules Governing Elections

As a candidate for office within the Student Government Association, it is important to understand and be well versed on the Association's Bylaws and Rules Governing Elections, which can be found at sga.louisiana.edu/who-we-are/governing-docs.

It is the responsibility of each candidate to read these documents.

By signing this document, you certify that you have read and understand the UL Lafayette SGA Bylaws and Rules Governing Elections and promise to adhere to the guidelines set forth. You also acknowledge that you understand that any violation of these regulations may invalidate your candidacy.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Failure to sign and legibly print name will prevent the applicant from qualifying as a member of SGA.

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

NO LATE SUBMISSION ACCEPTED

Candidate Name: __Coleman Townsend__

College: __Liberal Arts__

SGA Questions

Please attach pages as needed.

1. Can you start by introducing yourself and telling us your major and where you're from?

Hello, my name is Coleman Townsend and I'm originally from Shreveport, LA. I'm a junior currently majoring in Political Science.

2. When are you expected to graduate?

I'm expected to graduate in the spring of 2026.

3. What organizations are you involved with on campus or in the community?

I'm a member of the Kappa Alpha Order here on campus, and am also an Intern at Laborde Earles Personal Injury Lawyers.

4. What qualities do you believe you possess that set you apart from other candidates applying for this position?

I believe what sets me apart from my competition is the fact that I have been working at a law firm for over a year now helping out the partners with data entry work, helping marketing brainstorm for ideas, and signing up clients. I'm a hard worker who likes the competitiveness of a challenge, but am someone who is also remarkable at teamwork and communication. I've been helping and working with the mass torts department at my firm for a while now, and my teamwork skills have only improved through that. I have been to two outside of state training camps for my fraternity, Kappa Alpha Order, such as OTC, Officer Training Camp, and ELA, Emerging Leaders Academy. I learned about how to properly manage my position inside the chapter, and also what it means to be a leader. I have over 50 hours of community service logged through Laborde Earles because of events such as Bike it Forward, Project backpack, and volunteering for Festival International. I believe that these are only a few of the qualifications I have to be considered different from other candidates, and if given the opportunity I can showcase more.

5. What does leadership mean to you?

Leadership is defined as leading a group or an organization, but to me it goes deeper than that. A leader is someone who can take time out of their day to care for others inside of their group. Leading doesn't mean barking orders at subordinates, yet to help the people you work with be better. If someone is struggling to finish a project, or to even slip up on a tiny mistake, a leader is supposed to be there to help them through it; not only tell them the directions on how to accomplish a task. Leaders are more than directors telling a group what to do, but a teacher who explains and helps the group through tough issues.

6. If selected, are you able to make SGA meetings on Monday at 5:00pm

Yes.

7. What does being a Ragin' Cajun mean to you?

I'm originally from Shreveport where pride in our city is very small, and the all around feeling is dismal. Moving down here to Lafayette has been one of the best decisions of my life. At first being a Ragin' Cajun meant a beautiful campus, a strong student body, and that I could finally have pride in where I lived and attended school. Those things haven't changed, yet my reasons for being prideful in being a Ragin' Cajun have grown. To me being a Ragin' Cajun means southern hospitality, family, culture, tradition, fun, and all around a respected and loved pride of being a Ragin' Cajun at UL.

8. What are things you would like to see improve in your college?

So far, I think my college has done an outstanding job given the resources provided. The only thing that comes to mind would be possibly getting some new desks with a wider area to write on, but other than that there is nothing on my mind.