

2025 RICE STUDENT ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

NATALIE WANG, DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
INFORMATION PACKET FOR CANDIDATES

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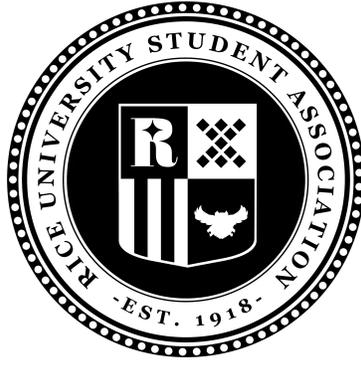
Petition (due by Wednesday, February 5th at 11:59 PM)

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Student Association President, Student Association Internal Vice President, Student Association External Vice President, Student Association Secretary, Student Association Treasurer, Honor Council Senior Class Rep, Honor Council Junior Class Rep, Honor Council Sophomore Class Rep, Thresher Editor-in-Chief, RSVP Chair, Rice Program Council President, UCourt Chair, Campanile Editor-in-Chief, KTRU Station Manager, Rally Club President, Rice Student's Resource Center President, Civic Duty Rice President



2025 Elections Petition

We, the undersigned, nominate _____

for the position of _____.

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Candidate Signature: _____

Candidate Rice Email: _____

Candidate Phone No.: _____

Candidate Student ID # (S0000): _____

Petitions are due at **11:59 PM on February 5th, 2024**. Please submit a hard copy of your petition to the RMC Info Desk, next to Coffeehouse, and an electronic copy of your campaign statement and headshot, or waiver, to the Director of Elections before their respective deadlines. Contact Director of Elections Natalie Wang (saelections@rice.edu) with any questions or problems.

Candidacy

All members of the Student Association (as certified by the most recent class roster of the Registrar), except those on disciplinary or academic probation, are eligible for candidacy. 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.*

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 (Natalie Wang, saelections@rice.edu) and SA Parliamentarian (sapar@rice.edu) before the petition deadline. The Student Senate will introduce any necessary legislation at its February 10th meeting and finalize the ballot at its February 24th meeting. Refer to the SA Constitution for specific information pertaining to amendments, referenda and initiatives.

Positions in the 2025 Elections

Student Association President
Student Association Internal Vice President
Student Association External Vice President
Student Association Secretary
Student Association Treasurer*
Honor Council Senior Class Rep (4)
Honor Council Junior Class Rep (4)
Honor Council Sophomore Class Rep (4)
Thresher Editor-in-Chief*

University Court Chair
RSVP Chair*
Rice Program Council President*
Campanile Editor-in-Chief*
KTRU Station Manager*
Rally Club President
Rice Women's Resource Center President
Civic Duty Rice President
*These positions have additional requirements



Student Association Treasurer: Every candidate must have successfully completed a course in accounting and/or have successfully completed an interview with the outgoing Treasurer and Student Association Advisor demonstrating their qualifications.

Honor Council Class Representatives: Each candidate must belong to the class for which they are running and must not have had any prior violations of the Honor Code.

Thresher Editor-in-Chief: Each candidate must be nominated by no less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the current Thresher Editorial Board.

University Court Chair: Each candidate must be a member of the Court for the 2024-2025 academic year.

RSVP Chair: Each candidate requires at least two semesters of experience with RSVP.

Rice Program Council Chair: All candidates must have been a member of Rice Program Council for at least one full semester and be a current member of the Council, as defined in the Rice Program Council Constitution.

Campanile Editor-in-Chief: Each candidate must be nominated by no less than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the current Campanile Executive Board.

KTRU Station Manager: Each candidate must be nominated by no less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the board of directors.

Election Timeline

January 27th, 9PM - Present election timeline & info to Senate

January 29th, 9PM - Election packets available at the Info Desk (if you need a hard copy, please email saelections@rice.edu)

January 31st, 7:30 PM - SA Info Session for Interested Applicants on Zoom

February 5th, 11:59 PM - Hard copy of Election Packet with signatures due to RMC Info desk

February 6th, 11:59 PM - Campaign statements and pictures due to saelections@rice.edu

February 10th, 7:30PM - Candidate meeting with DoE on Zoom

February 12th, 7AM - Campaigning begins, photos and statements posted



February 24th, 9PM - Senate votes on the Ballot

February 26th, 12PM - Voting period begins; Campaigning Ends

March 5th, 12PM - Voting period ends; Campaign Finance Form due to DoE via email

March 6th, 12PM - Election results announced

Campaigning & Communication

The Election Committee will use email to contact candidates, so please check your official Rice email 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 February 26th at 12PM, and will end March 5th at 12PM. Results will be announced on the SA website and provided to the Thresher on March 6th at 12PM.
- Candidates and causes will have the chance to write a 250-word campaign statement to be published on the SA website. Candidates are also required to submit a picture to be included with their campaign statement. If candidates choose not to submit a headshot or statement, a waiver must be submitted.
- Electronic campaigning, including social media and personal campaign websites, is allowed. **Campaign emails from candidates or student organizations are prohibited.**
- Candidates cannot begin campaigning until February 12th, at 7AM. This includes any social media campaigning, flyers, events, as well as any individual or organization campaigning on behalf of a candidate.
- Candidates cannot campaign after February 26th at 12PM.
- 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.
- Candidates must abide by the rules of all buildings in which they post campaign materials. For example, all posters hung in the RMC must first be approved at the Info Desk.
- 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 February 6th, 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 statement deadline (February 6th, 11:59PM). Submit photos and campaign statements to the director of elections, Natalie Wang (saelections@rice.edu).

If the candidate chooses to not submit a photo or statement, they must submit a waiver via email to saelections@rice.edu stating that they are not submitting a photo or statement. Candidates who choose to submit a waiver can still run, as long as they submit an election packet by the designated deadline.

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 6th deadline without special permission from the Election Committee. Failure to submit either a photo or statement by the deadline will constitute a waiver of the candidate's right to do so.**



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 itemized receipts. **Candidates may not spend more than these amounts.**

No entity unaffiliated with Rice University may engage in the electoral process in any way, unless said organization is compensated at market value for the services rendered. Such restrictions include in-kind donations of intellectual or creative work product as well. All services and purchases made by and on behalf of a campaign must be reported.

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 March 5th at 12PM to saelections@rice.edu and hg56@rice.edu. 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 (saelections@rice.edu).

Reimbursement

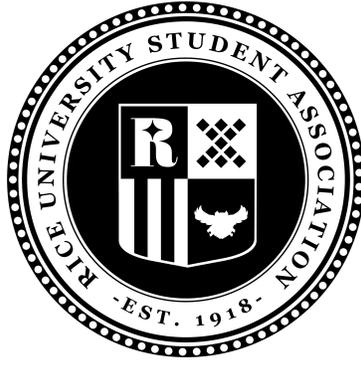
In order to be fully reimbursed, candidates must complete a Reimbursement Request Form for all items they have purchased, including but not limited to printing, online advertising expenses, and food. Candidates must also submit all itemized receipts along with these forms. To be reimbursed, candidates send these forms, and their original receipts to the Student Association Advisor, Heather-Reneé Gooch, before submitting their forms to the Cashier's Office for reimbursement.

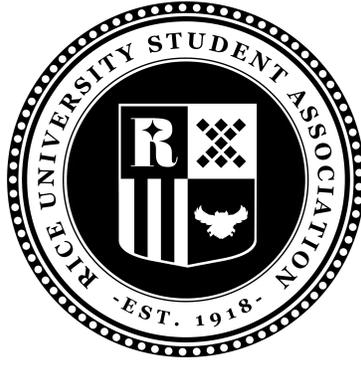
Printing

For more information on printing reimbursement, consult the Student Center Printing Reimbursement Page:

<https://studentcenter.rice.edu/student-activities/club-resources/marketing-advertising/printing>

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





Campaign Finance Form

A digital copy of the form is submitted to the DoE and SA Advisor, and a physical copy is sent to the Student Center.

DUE: March 5th, 12PM, emailed to saelections@rice.edu and hg56@rice.edu.

Item Purchased	Vendor	Total Cost	Date of Purchase

I _____ (print name), candidate for the position of



_____, affirm the above finance information to be complete and accurate. I acknowledge that failure to complete this form completely and accurately may result in my disqualification.

Candidate Signature _____

Date _____

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Natalie Wang
Director of Elections
saelections@rice.edu