

Student Government Association

Senate Election Application and Guidelines

*2018-2019 Academic Year*

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Arkansas Tech University Student Government Association. By completing this packet, you apply for a position on the Senate of this body for the duration of the 2018-2019 academic year.

**Student Government Association Mission**

The Arkansas Tech University Student Government Association serves as the official student voice to the Arkansas Tech University administration. Our mission is to genuinely represent the interests of students and enhance the student decision-making process, to improve campus life through the creation and continuation of viable and effective student services, to preserve and protect the traditions of the University and to support students and student organizations in their academic and community endeavors.

**Duties:**

The Student Senate will have the following duties:

1. Those responsibilities stated in the preamble of the Constitution;

2. To approve or disapprove the constitution of any new student organization, subject to review by the Vice President of Student Services;

3. To approve or disapprove all committees appointed by the President of SGA, and appointees requested by the administration to standing administration committees;

4. To take appropriate action necessary for the execution of the responsibilities vested by this constitution;

5. Shall attend all Student Senate meetings and SGA Executive Board mandated events;

6. And serve on two (2) SGA Standing Committees.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Shall be full-time students of Arkansas Tech University;
2. Must have on record in the Registrar’s Office a cumulative grade point of not less than 2.25; High school grade point average (cumulative) shall be used to determine the eligibility of candidates who have not yet completed one (1) full semester of college-level work;
3. Shall not be on disciplinary probation;
4. Must be able to meet during scheduled Senate meeting times; the Student Government Senate meets each Wednesday from 12:05 pm to 12:50 pm in the Doc Bryan Senate Chamber.

**Senate Positions Available:**

* 3 Freshman Senator
* 2 Senior Senator
* 1 Senator, College of E-Tech
* 1 Senator, College of Graduate College
* 1 International Senator
* 1 Nontraditional Senator
* 3 Senator at Large

**Candidacy Procedures:**

The procedures for announcing candidacy for SGA and publication offices shall be as follows:

1. Petitions of the candidates shall be submitted to the Election Commission of the SGA, which shall set the date for such. ***Applications are due Friday, August 31, 2018 by 5:00 pm to the Office of Student Services.***
2. The petitions shall contain the candidate’s name, the office for which the candidate desires to run, and the signatures of at least twenty-five (25) full-time students at ATU who are from the body which the candidate is seeking to represent.
3. All write-in candidates must submit their petitions at least three (3) days prior to the date of the election. Write-in candidates must meet all qualifications pertaining to the office for which they are running, as outlined in the SGA Constitution.

**Campaigning Rules and Regulations:**

**Approved Activity**

* Campaigning materials are allowed for distribution at the candidate’s expense, i.e. shirts, stickers, and buttons, etc.
* The balcony in Doc’s Place and Baswell Technionery may be used for hanging posters. The posters can be no larger than 72L x 36W inches and MUST include the dates the election begins and ends (September 4th – 6th). The poster must be hole punched. No tape is allowed.
* Flyers are allowed to be posted, but must follow flyer route provided in this packet.
* All candidates must comply with all rules and regulations published in the Student Handbook and Guide to Residence Hall Living.

**Prohibited Activity**

* No signs may be posted outdoors, i.e., on trees, bushes, poles, cars, benches, exterior of buildings, etc. The use of sidewalk chalk is prohibited. Yard signs are prohibited.
* No advertising on the scrolling marquee located at Doc Bryan Student Services Center.
* On the days of the election there will be no campaigning in the building in which elections are taking place by the candidate or **ANYONE** else.
* Candidates are not allowed to distribute any types of food, candy, snacks, beverages, etc.

Reports of campaign violations should be reported to the current president Jayson Simmons, Jsimmons18@atu.edu. Each candidate is responsible for the activity of all individuals campaigning on his/her behalf. Violation of these rules will result in a warning from the Election Commission for the first offense. If the violation continues, the candidate will be removed from the ballot.

**Election Dates:**

Elections will be conducted electronically on the Link. Voting will open at 12:00 am on Tuesday, September 4th and will close at 11:59 pm on Thursday, September 6th. Voting stations will be sponsored by SGA at Chambers Cafeteria on September 4th-September 6th from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Students may also vote independently on the Link during the election dates.

**Application:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby declare my intention to run for the position of

**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the Student Government Association of Arkansas

**Print Title of Position**

Tech University. I give my permission for my grades and other qualifications for the position to be

released to the Student Government Association. I further understand and I agree to attend the

weekly SGA Senate meetings (Wednesdays at 12:05pm) and the meetings of any committees in which I am selected to serve.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Reminder: Applications are due Friday, August 31st by 5:00 pm to the Office of Student Services.**

**Candidate Petition:**

**Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Position Seeking\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**\*Information could be included in the ArkaTech for candidacy announcement.**

**Signatures: Last Name, First Name, T#**

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This is a petition for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be placed on the ballot for

**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ position in the Student Government Association at Arkansas Tech University.

**Print Title of Position**

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**Candidate Signature Date**