

Southern University at New Orleans
Student Government Association
Spring 2021 Election Qualifications Form

(Revised Spring 2021)

***Post-Baccalaureate and SUSLA Students Cannot Apply and Cannot Be Appointed. * Students with Holds on their accounts and those who have GPA's lower than a 2.5, or a 2.75 for special positions, i.e. (SGA President, Vice President or Miss SUNO, need not apply. Please carefully read each statement throughout this entire packet and sign it verifying that you understand the qualifications and penalties for the positions in which you are seeking.**

Please keep the first three (3) pages for your records and return the application.

I am currently enrolled as a full-time student at Southern University at New Orleans. Furthermore, I certify that I am an undergraduate/graduate student. I anticipate completing the next full year at Southern University at New Orleans. **The Student Government Association (SGA) of Southern University at New Orleans shall be an Undergraduate Organization with one (1) Graduate President and one (1) Graduate Senator to represent the Graduate Colleges.** NOTE: **All transfer students must have completed at least one (1) semester of coursework at Southern University at New Orleans.**

If seeking to become the SGA President, SGA Vice-President, or Class President, you must adhere to the following qualifications:

SGA President

1. Must have an overall grade point average of at least **2.75** after repeats and deletes.
2. Must have at least a Sophomore or Junior classification or 30 or more semester hours completed at the time of election.
3. Must have at least one (1) year of prior service to the Student Government Association (SGA) to qualify for this position.
4. Must have completed at least two (2) semesters of coursework at Southern University at New Orleans.

SGA Vice-President

1. Must have an overall grade point average of at least **2.75** after repeats and deletes.
2. Must have at least a Sophomore or Junior classification or 30 or more semester hours completed at the time of election.
3. Must have at least one (1) year of prior service to the Student Government Association (SGA) to qualify for this position.
4. Must have completed at least two (2) semesters of coursework at Southern University at New Orleans.

Class President

1. Must have an overall grade point average of at least **2.5** after repeats and deletes.
2. Classification must be commensurate with Class position. *Example: If a student wishes to run for Junior Class President, he/she may be a Sophomore at the time of this election but **MUST** be a Junior when his/her term begins.*
3. Must have completed at least two (2) semesters of coursework at Southern University at New Orleans.

Chief Justices

1. Must have an overall grade point average of at least **2.75** after repeats and deletes.
2. Must have at least a Sophomore or Junior classification or 30 or more semester hours completed at the time of election.
3. Must have at least one (1) year of prior service to the Student Government Association (SGA) to qualify for this position.
4. Must have completed at least two (2) semesters of coursework at Southern University at New Orleans.

Miss Southern University at New Orleans (MISS SUNO)

1. Must have an overall grade point average of at least **2.75** after repeats and deletes.
2. Must be classified as Junior with 60 – 90 hours of completed coursework at the time of the election.
3. Must be Single (never married) female.
4. Miss SUNO and her Royal Court should **Not** be or become pregnant during her reign, nor should they have any children.
5. The runner-up to Miss SUNO shall fill any portion of an unexpired term.
6. Must have at least one (1) year of prior service to the University (i.e. SGA or any other recognized Student Organization on the campus of Southern University at New Orleans) to qualify for this position.
7. Must have successfully completed at least two (2) semesters of coursework at Southern University at New Orleans.

Other Royal Court Members, Miss Sophomore, Miss Junior and Miss Senior:

Must also be a single female never married, must **Not be or **become pregnant**, nor should she have any children during her reign.** Candidates:

1. Must have an overall grade point average of at least **2.5** after repeats and deletes.
2. Classification must be commensurate with Class position. *Example: If she wishes to run for Miss Senior, she may be a member of the Junior class at the time of this election but **MUST** be a member of the Senior class at the start of her reign.*
3. Shall represent Miss SUNO at events when Miss SUNO is unable to attend.

4. Must have at least one (1) year of prior service to the University (i.e. SGA or any other recognized Student Organization on the campus of Southern University at New Orleans) to qualify for this position.
5. Must have successfully completed at least two (2) semesters of coursework at Southern University at New Orleans.

Senior, Junior, and Sophomore Student Senators:

1. Must have an overall grade point average of at least **2.5** after repeats and deletes as defined by the Registrar's Office.
2. Classification must be commensurate with Class position. *Example: If a student wishes to run for Junior Class Senator, he/she may be a Sophomore at the time of this election but **MUST** be a Junior when his/her term begins.* If for some reason at the end of the term you have not earned the GPA required to remain in this position, you will forfeit your status.

Pick-Up Applications: Monday, April 5, 2021

at www.studentactivities@suno.edu or in the University Center 2 Floor Student Activities from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Return Applications: Monday, April 12, 2021 via email or drop it off in the office of Student Activities and Organizations by 5:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!!

MANDATORY Zoom Meeting for ALL QUALIFIED Candidates: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Failure to attend this meeting will eliminate you from the campaigning process. If an emergency should arise, please contact Mrs. Mary Jackson prior to the meeting. Failure to attend this meeting will result in your inability to campaign.

- **Campaigning Begins: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 thru Sunday, April 18, 2021.**

Again, as a reminder, if you do not attend the mandatory meeting, you will not be allowed to campaign. Therefore, you will be jeopardizing your eligibility for this Spring 2021 Election. CAMPAIGN MANAGERS MUST BE FULL-TIME STUDENTS!!!!!!

Election Day: Monday, April 19, 2021. Voters will vote electronically from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There should be no campaigning from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Contract Agreement

I agree to serve faithfully by full term, engage in community service projects, and work diligently on campus-based committees and/or activities, as well as appropriate deemed events.

I certify that I am free of any legal or moral entanglements and of sound moral character. **Therefore, if elected, I agree to uphold the standards set forth by SUNO and the Election Committee which is to detach myself from Any Illegal Acts or Events that would exhibit Southern University at New Orleans in an undesirable manner. In essence, Social Media, Confirmed Dishonors, Drugs, Weapons, etc. If deemed affiliated with these performances, you will lose your position and will receive the Maximum Disciplinary Sanctions as Identified in your Student Handbook.**

I agree to participate in all Homecoming-Related Activities and accept full financial obligations/responsibilities thereof and fully understand that Southern University at New Orleans or any of its entities is free of any/all obligations to assist financially.

Please submit the following items with the Completed Application:

- 1. Letter of Character written by one (1) Faculty member or administrator and one (1) community person. Please provide me with the name, email address and phone number of the person who will be submitting your character letters.**

I certify that I have read and fully understand the statements. I also understand that falsification will result in disqualification and possible disciplinary actions taken against me by the University.

****Please Note: All candidates for SGA Officers, Miss SUNO and Royal Court members, MUST maintain the required Grade Point Average (GPA) and Full-time status (12 Credit Hours) throughout your tenure as per the SUNO Student Handbook and Student Government Association's Constitution.**

Applicant's Signature Date

**Southern University at New Orleans
Office of Student Activities & Organizations
Application for Student Government Office and Royal Court**

Your Current GPA

Election Position Sought

Name of Applicant (exactly as you wish it to appear on the ballot. Please do not include nicknames, calls, etc.)

PLEASE PRINT!!!

Last First Middle

Address

City Phone # Cell

Email ID# Major

List Honors, Scholarships, and Positions you have held at Southern University at New Orleans. Indicate any service you have provided the University and your membership in all campus organizations. (Freshmen: List honor and awards received in high school.)

Do you know the qualifications for this office? Yes () No ()

Signature of Applicant

**Southern University at New Orleans
Office of Student Activities & Organizations**

Campaign Manager's Application Form

This certifies that I, _____
(Name of Candidate)

A candidate for _____
(Position Sought)

Hereby authorize _____
(Campaign Manager)

To serve as my Campaign Manager in the Student Election to be held _____

As my representative, he/she shall participate in all deliberations relative to the certification of this election and shall serve as my spokesperson in matters relating to the office that I am seeking.

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(Candidate)

This certifies that I agree to represent _____

And agree to participate in all deliberations relative to the certification of the same.

**Date: _____ Number of hours registered for this
semester _____**

Signature: _____
(Campaign Manager)

Approved: _____
(Coordinator of Student Elections)



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ALL CANDIDATES MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Copied from SUNO's University Catalog 2017 -2018, bottom and top of page #35

“A student may repeat a course in order to raise a grade, thereby earning additional quality points; however, the grade earned stands as the official grade. **BOTH THE ORIGINAL GRADE AND THE REPEATED GRADE WILL BE ENTERED ON THE STUDENT'S RECORD.** The original grade is disregarded for the purpose of determining the student's grade point average, hours passed, and hours earned; however, **BOTH THE ORIGINAL AND REPEATED COURSE GRADES ARE COMPUTED IN DETERMINING A STUDENT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR HOLDING OFFICE AND GRADUATING WITH HONORS.** **In the case of repeating a course, the last grade and credits made shall be used in computing the grade point average ratio.”**

If you are running for an office or building an office, your grade point average from Banner will not be used. Your grade point average will be calculated using the formula above for repeat/delete. **AGAIN, REPEATS AND DELETES WILL BE FACTORED INTO DETERMINING YOUR GPA AND ELGIBILITY.**

Print Name Signature

Prospective Office Date