



Spring 2026 Election Packet

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 Dear Candidate,

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your interest in serving the students of NMSU as an ASNMSU senator. If elected, I am confident that you will work tirelessly to represent the interests of the student body, foster a sense of unity, and create a more inclusive and vibrant campus environment.

All of the following will be included in this packet:

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** Required

Please pay very close attention to all the dates and times listed in the pages below. These dates and deadlines will not be altered through the election process. If there are any violations to these deadlines, it can be grounds for disqualification or other penalties decided by the ASNMSU Election Board.

1. There will be one Candidate Meeting along with one Make-up Candidate meeting. ALL prospective candidates, those who are new or returning, are REQUIRED to attend one of the meetings in order to be considered for official candidacy:
 - a. The first Candidate Meeting is **February 12th, 2026, at 5:00 PM in Corbett Center (CCSU) Room 104 (Next to ASNMSU Office, Rm. 106).**
 - b. The Make-up Candidate Meeting is **February 17th, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Corbett Center (CCSU) Room 104 (Next to ASNMSU Office, Rm. 106).**

- c. You are REQUIRED to attend one of the two meetings or send an approved representative or provide an excuse at least 24 hours prior to either candidate meeting. Send all excuses for absence to asnmsuceo@nmsu.edu. If for any reason you cannot make it to the initial candidate meeting, you may set up an individual meeting with the Chief Elections Officer by reaching out at least 24 hours prior to February 17th, 2026.

Campaigning will start March 30th, 2026, at 8:00 am. Elections will begin April 6th, 2026, at 8:00 am, and will continue 24 hours a day online and at tabling events throughout campus. Elections will end April 10th, 2026, at 5:00 pm.

The Financial Disclosure form and changes to the Social Media/List Serve form will be due April 10th, 2026, no later than 5:00 pm by email asnmsuceo@nmsu.edu or in-person in the ASNMSU Office.

Final Violation Forms will be due April 10th, 2026, no later than 6:00 pm by email asnmsuceo@nmsu.edu.

Election Packets can be submitted by email to asnmsuceo@nmsu.edu, OR in the ASNMSU Office, Corbett Center Student Union Room 106. If you decide to turn in your packet via email, please scan or take pictures of each page and email them all in the same email (PDFs are preferred; ensure scans and pictures are clear and legible).

If emailing, please include your name followed by “Spring 2026 Election Packet” in the subject line (ex: “Isaid Lopez – Spring 2026 Election Packet”). Follow the same instructions to submit any other forms that may be submitted separately from the rest of the packet (ex: “Isaid Lopez – Spring 2026 Financial Forms”). All forms are required regardless of if they apply to you or not. Write N/A if not applicable.

I look forward to supporting you throughout the election process. My role is to facilitate a fair and efficient campaign for all candidates. I kindly request that you conduct yourself with professionalism and respect towards fellow candidates, voters, and everyone involved. Please don't hesitate to contact the Elections Department if you require any assistance.

- Isaid Lopez – ASNMSU Chief Elections Officer

Senate Positions Available – Spring 2026

The following Senate seats are available:

Agriculture, Consumer & Environmental Sciences-----	17, 23	(two seats)
Arts & Sciences -----	16, 18, 24, 28, 30	(five seats)
Business -----	25	(one seat)
Engineering-----	20, 26	(two seats)
Graduate -----	21, 27, 29	(three seats)
Health, Education, & Social Transformation-----	19, 22	(two seats)

Things to Remember

- All positions are elected to a one-year term (two semesters).
- If there are more candidates for seats than there are seats available, the person(s) with the highest number of votes wins the seat(s). The candidate with the most votes will be declared the winner for the senate position available.
- The ASNMSU Governing Documents (the ASNMSU Bylaws and ASNMSU Constitution) set forth the governing practices and procedures for how ASNMSU operates. Read the Election Code within the ASNMSU Bylaws and the ASNMSU Constitution, as they are the basis for the elections. Violations of the ASNMSU Governing Documents are taken seriously, and the Election Board will impose the appropriate penalties.
- Absolutely NO exceptions will be made for the Spring 2026 ASNMSU Elections. Turning in documents late, not attending required meetings, etc. will result in a violation and meeting with the ASNMSU Election Board and may result in immediate disqualification or other consequence.

Expectations for Winning Candidates

- Those elected will be **required** to attend a swearing-in ceremony with the ASNMSU Senate on April 23rd, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the Senate Chambers (Corbett Center Student Union (CCSU) Room 302). Winners will be made aware as soon as official results are in and must be dressed in business/professional attire.

Duties and Responsibilities

Below you find a brief explanation of the responsibilities and duties of an ASNMSU Senator. For more detailed information please review the ASNMSU Bylaws, which can be found on the ASNMSU website.

- **Senators**
 - Senators are required to comply with ASNMSU governing documents. Responsibilities range from attending mandatory Senate, Council and Committee meetings, alongside Association retreats. Senators are also responsible for drafting and submitting bills, proposing Bylaw amendments, and introduce resolutions to address student concerns.
 - Additionally, they are expected to reach out to clubs and organizations in their respective colleges.
 - Senate meetings can range from 2-6 hours with business and formal attire.
- **President**
 - The ASNMSU President serves as the chief executive officer, representing students to the administration and the Board of Regents.
 - They oversee the implementation of ASNMSU policies, chair the Student Fee Review Board (SFRB) and attend various university committees to advocate for student interests.
 - This position is a twelve-month position beginning May 16th, with a 20-hour work week.
- **Vice-President**
 - The ASNMSU Vice-President is responsible for maintaining order during Senate meetings, scheduling and organizing Senate and committee meetings, and appointing senators to their respective committees to ensure proper representation.
 - Serve as an ex officio non-voting member on committees
 - Manage tasks such as retreats, emergency meetings, and transition manuals.
 - This position is a twelve-month position beginning May 16th, with a 20-hour work week.

** Note: This summary provides only a general overview of the positions and does not cover all duties and responsibilities.*

Important Election Dates Spring 2026

02/12/2026 – Candidate Meeting at 5:00 pm, in Corbett Center Student Union (CCSU)

Room 104 (next to ASNMSU office, Rm. 106).

- ALL prospective candidates MUST attend a candidate meeting or schedule an appointment with the Chief Elections Officer individually. Election Packets will be distributed.

02/17/2026 – Make-up candidate meeting at 6:00 pm, in Corbett Center Student Union

(CCSU) Room 104 (next to ASNMSU office, Rm. 106).

- If you were unable to attend the first candidate meeting, YOU MUST attend the makeup meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting, let the Elections Department know at least 24 hours in advance. Election Packets will be distributed.

02/25/2026 – Elections packets due by 5:00 pm, they can be submitted by email to

asnmsuceo@nmsu.edu or in person in the ASNMSU Office Corbett Center Student Union

(CCSU) Room 106.

Items Required for Election Packet submission:

- Official Petition of Candidacy Form AND Nomination Signatures
- ASNMSU Qualification Check Release Authorization
- Acknowledgment of the ASNMSU Election Code
- Social Media/List Serve Form
- Voter Intimidation Prohibition Acknowledgement
- Financial Disclosure – OPTIONAL FOR THIS DATE; see page 28
- ASNMSU Electoral Code of Ethics

03/26/2026 – Candidate photos, biographies and Official Campaign Team List from due by 5:00 pm. Can be emailed to asnmsuceo@nmsu.edu or in person in the ASNMSU Office Corbett Center Student Union (CCSU) Room 106.

03/30/2026 – Presidential and Vice-Presidential Debates at 6:00 pm, in the CCSU Auditorium RM 247.

- a. Candidates running for ASNMSU President and ASNMSU Vice president **must** attend and participate.

03/30/2026 – Campaigning begins at 8:00 am. List of official candidates will be posted on the window outside the ASNMSU Office by 12:00 pm (noon), and on the ASNMSU social media.

04/03/2026 – First Violation forms due by 5:00 pm

- a. Submit in-person or by email to the Chief Election Officer a PDF or Word document of the provided Violation Form.
- b. Meeting time, location, and date will be provided with notice of Violation if applicable.

04/06/2026 – Elections begin at 8:00 am

04/10/2026 – Elections end at 5:00 pm

- Changes to Social Media/List Serve Form due by 5:00 pm
- Financial Disclosure Form due by 5:00 pm

04/10/2026 – Second Violation forms due by 6:00 pm

- a. Submit in person or by email to the Chief Election Officer a PDF or Word document of the provided Violation Form.
- b. Meeting time, location, and date will be provided with notice of violation if applicable.

04/10/2026 – *Unofficial Results* will be posted on the window outside the ASNMSU Office by 11:00 pm and on ASNMSU social media.

04/17/2026 – *Official Results* will be posted on the window outside the ASNMSU Office by 11:00 pm and on ASNMSU social media.

04/23/2026 – Swearing in of newly elected ASNMSU Senators.

BIOGRAPHY INSTRUCTIONS

Please note the following guidelines:

- **Biographies must be emailed to asnmsuceo@nmsu.edu or asnmsu_dceo@nmsu.edu or brought in person to the ASNMSU office. Due by 5:00 pm on March 26, 2026.**
- The biography should be typed, double spaced, in Times New Roman, font size 12, and no more than 200 words. Submitted as a **WORD DOCUMENT**.
- Biographies must be written in third person. **Do not use the word 'vote'**
- The Chief Elections Officer may, at their discretion, cut down/edit candidate biographies, and/or request a new biography to fit the format required.
- The Chief Elections Officer reserves the right to reject inappropriate or offensive biographies and request a new biography from the candidate.
- Failure to submit a valid biography and candidate photo on time may result in penalties set forth by the ASNMSU Election Board.

CANDIDATE PHOTO INSTRUCTIONS

Candidates will be encouraged to use the **free** headshot booth located on the second floor of Corbett Center. PR will not be taking photos. You are responsible for taking your own photos. **Photos are due by 5:00 pm by March 26, 2026.**

*Photos should be in color, show the candidate's face clearly, be well lit, with an appropriate expression and clothing (professional/business attire is recommended). Background should be appropriate, light, and free of obstructions (other people, signs, cars, etc.) Sample photo below:



FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION POLICY

New Mexico State University recognizes and promotes an intellectually open campus. The free exchange of ideas through written, spoken, and other forms of expression reflects its public land—grant heritage, support of diverse points of view, and commitment to excellence in education and research.

A. Campus Use for Free Expression

Any outdoor area that is generally accessible to the public may be used by any individual or group for petitioning, distributing written material, handing out newspapers, or conducting speech acts. Prior approval is not necessary as long as the primary action is not to advertise or sell a commercial product. Activities must follow all applicable fire codes, local, state, and federal laws. Activities shall not:

- Unreasonably obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- Block the entrances or exits to buildings and facilities.
- Permanently occupy land areas or permanently locate signs and posters.
- Erect permanent structures, shelters, or camps.
- Unreasonably interfere with classes, university work, and scheduled events.

In exercising the right of free expression, one must also accept the responsibility of following the laws related to the safety of people and property. If property damage or excessive littering occurs, or other unusual expenses are incurred by the university as a result of the event, event organizers may be held responsible for reasonable charges if deemed appropriate by the President or his/her designee.

There shall be no campaigning in academic areas including Zuhl Library, Branson Library, Engineering Learning Community (ELC), Corbett Center Student Union (CCSU), and classrooms when a course is in session without the instructor approval. It is the candidates' responsibility to check the building code for campaign restrictions. Candidates must obtain prior approval from the fraternity or sorority chapter before campaigning at any Greek chapter house.

1. Exceptions:

- a) Approved flyers on designated bulletin boards.
- b) Campaigning can be done during SILP sanctioned (ie. registered in Crimson Connection) events that are held within Corbett Center Student Union (CCSU) with prior approval from the chair or officiator.
 - (1) Campaign must be confined to the duration of the meeting.
 - (2) Campaigning must be confined to the attendees of the recognized organization.

1. Petitioning and the Distribution and Posting of Literature and Signs

(a) All literature distributed must contain identifying information, either (1) the name of an NMSU sanctioned organization, or (2) the name and address (which may be an organization and e-mail address) of the unaffiliated entity or person or the telephone number of the unaffiliated entity or person for someone to contact in case of litter problems.

(b) Literature may be distributed hand-to-hand, through the use of tables, or by posting on designated bulletin boards and kiosks.

(c) Written materials may not be placed in unapproved locations. Written materials may not be placed on any part of a university building or structure without university permission. Posting on traffic signs, power poles, trees, and automobile windshields is not allowed.

(d) Tables are allowed as long as they do not unreasonably interfere with pedestrian traffic. Materials may not be left on unattended tables. While scheduling of tables is not required in advance, those individuals who have previously scheduled a site through the Student Involvement & Leadership Programs (SILP) Office or other appropriate university offices will take precedence.

2. Group Speech Activities

(a) Group speech activities, including rallies, parades, and demonstrations, that are advertised through public media including newspapers, radio, television, flyers, or electronic lists may need to be coordinated through the NMSU Police Department (as described in 2b).

(b) Any individual, group, or organization sponsoring a group speech activity that is expected to draw more than 100 persons at one time and uses public media for advertising must notify the NMSU Police Department no less than 72 hours in advance of the activity, so that the NMSU Police Department can take appropriate actions to ensure the safety of the event and issue a permit as proof of prior notification. Activities expected to draw 500 or more participants, or require road closures or detours, must be scheduled two weeks in advance.

(c) Any individual, group, or organization planning a group speech activity is encouraged to contact the Student Involvement & Leadership Programs (SILP) Office in advance so that activities may be coordinated with appropriate university offices. This will allow for locations to be reserved or other concerns to be addressed, such as the use of sound amplification equipment. Contacting the Student Involvement & Leadership Programs (SILP) Office is voluntary and does not constitute an approval process.

1. All scheduling is done on a "first come, first serve" basis.
2. Activities that are scheduled receive priority in the use of space on campus.

3. Electronic Sound Amplification

(a) The use of electronic sound amplification equipment is authorized in the open lots to the East of the Pan American Center and Aggie Memorial Stadium, the Corbett

Center Outdoor Stage, and the "Aggie Pond" area off Espina Street, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Sunday through Thursday, and from 7:00 AM to midnight on Friday and Saturday.

(b) Sound amplification equipment may be allowed at other times and in other locations if coordinated in advance through the Student Involvement & Leadership Programs (SILP) Office.

4. Use of Chalk

(a) Chalk may be used on campus as long as it is restricted to concrete walkways.

(b) All chalk used must be of a temporary or removable nature. Permanent chalk, such as surveyor's chalk, may not be used under any circumstances.

(c) Chalk must not be within 25 feet of any building entrance.

B. Policy Enforcement

Any person violating this policy will be subject to:

1. Being asked to cease and desist or to relocate by appropriate university employees acting within the scope of their duties.
2. Being ordered to leave the premises or property owned or controlled by the university by the police or a person in charge of the property.
3. Institutional disciplinary proceedings under the Student Code of Conduct if violation by a student. Violations by faculty or staff will be referred to the appropriate department or academic unit.
4. Arrest for Violation of local, state, and federal law(s).
5. Restriction of future use of, or access to, the NMSU campus.

C. Reference to Other Policies Impacting Freedom of Expression

In the event that the terms of this policy conflict with other existing policies impacting freedom of expression in areas generally accessible to the public, the terms of this policy shall prevail.

DOOR TO DOOR CAMPAIGNING

To be in accordance with the **New Mexico State University Resident Handbook 2025 - 2026**, any campaigning within the residential halls is prohibited. Posting flyers and other election materials will also be prohibited unless approved in common areas. See below:

The residential halls that are affiliated with NMSU are:

First-Year Residence Halls:

Rhodes-Garrett-Hamiel (RGH), Garcia East & Garcia West, Piñon Hall, Juniper Hall

Apartments:

Cervantes Village, Chamisa Village, Vista Del Monte

Student Family Housing:

Tom Fort and Sutherland Villages, Cervantes Village

Greek Life Housing

Cervantes Village Apartments

Within the **New Mexico State University Resident Handbook 2025 - 2026** under Sales & Solicitation it states:

Sales & Solicitation

In accordance with university policy, door-to-door solicitation is not permitted in campus residential buildings or communities. This includes, but is not limited to, distributing flyers or leaflets, verbal proselytizing, voter registration, recruiting, selling goods or services, or similar activities. In addition, no signage or postings—including but not limited to flyers, posters, banners, and yard signs—may be displayed, distributed, or installed on property owned, maintained, or controlled by Housing and Residential Life without prior written approval. This includes signage placed in common areas, green spaces, building exteriors, or on individual room doors.

To request approval for advertising or signage within residential spaces, please contact Housing and Residential Life by emailing housing@nmsu.edu. Approved postings may only be placed on designated bulletin boards or display areas as authorized by Housing and Residential Life staff.

Any posting of flyers and other election materials must be approved with written consent of the Housing and Residential Life AND the Chief Elections Officer. If these materials are not approved, there will be an immediate violation.

POSTERS / FLYERS

BANNERS

Candidates shall not be allowed to erect banners, flyers or other forms of printed material at Corbett Center Student Union with the exceptions of designated bulletin boards. A general ASNMSU elections banner promoting ASNMSU elections shall be permissible and be allowed to be displayed by the Elections Department in the Aggie Lounge, located on the first floor of Corbett Center.

BULLETIN BOARDS/FLYERS

Candidates shall be allowed to display flyers on designated bulletin boards.

1. Before posting any flyers, candidates must receive approval from Corbett Center Student Union (CCSU) Administration.
 - a. Candidates seeking approval must print four (4) copies of their flyer and take them to the Corbett Center Student Union (CCSU) Information Desk located on the 2nd floor for approval.
2. Items will be reviewed and if approved, allowed to be posted on the designated bulletin boards.
 - a. Any materials placed on bulletin boards without approval will be removed and discarded by Corbett Center Student Union (CCSU) administration.

OTHER BUILDINGS

When displaying campaign materials in other academic buildings, candidates are responsible for reviewing the building code and consulting with the administration regarding any campaign restrictions.

NOTE: Any vandalism, damage, or defacement of other candidates' campaign material, flyers, posters, etc. (conducted by yourself, your campaign team, or supporters) will result in disciplinary action set forth by the ASNMSU Election Board.

ASNMSU OFFICIAL PETITION OF CANDIDACY – Spring 2026 ELECTION

(Due on February 25, 2026, by 5:00 pm. Can be emailed to asnmsuceo@nmsu.edu or in person in the ASNMSU Office.)

Full Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Aggie ID:

Office of Candidacy [ASNMSU Senator]:

College of Candidacy:

I, _____, acknowledge my candidacy for the Office of _____ and shall, if elected, accept the duties and responsibilities of the office. I am a fee-paying member of the ASNMSU, and I am not on either academic or disciplinary probation. I am qualified, as prescribed by the ASNMSU Constitution, to accept and run for the office for which I am a candidate.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PETITION OF CANDIDACY – NOMINATION SIGNATURES

To become an official candidate for the ASNMSU 2026 Spring Elections and have your name on the official election ballot, you must submit the appropriate amount of nomination signatures from ASNMSU members (any main campus student who has paid the ASNMSU fee).

Each candidate running for an ASNMSU Senate seat is required to have twenty-five (25) valid nomination signatures.

Each candidate running for the positions of ASNMSU President or ASNMSU Vice-President is required to have one hundred (100) valid nomination signatures.

**Note: Candidates are permitted to nominate themselves.*

It is **strongly** suggested to get more than the minimum number of required signatures. The ASNMSU Election Board and/or a full-time Staff member verifies each individual signature, and you may not be eligible for candidacy without the minimum number of required signatures.

For Senate Positions: You may only receive signatures from students within your primary college and students are not allowed to sign more petitions than seats that are to be voted on. Example: If the ACES College has two (2) seats open, the student may only sign two (2) petitions.

For Presidential/Vice-Presidential Positions: You may receive signatures from students of any college. Students may only sign one (1) petition of candidacy for the ASNMSU President and one (1) petition of candidacy for the ASNMSU Vice-President.

In the event a student unknowingly signs more petitions than allowed, the candidate that submitted their petition of candidacy first will claim the signature.

ELECTRONIC NOMINATION SIGNATURE FORM

In addition to physical signatures, you will be able to collect electronic signatures using a form provided by the Elections Department. Please see below for details:

1. You may reach out to students (within your college if seeking a Senate seat) by using this script. **You MAY alter this script but CANNOT use any form of the word 'vote':**
 "Hello, my name is [CANDIDATE NAME], and I am running for the position of ASNMSU (COLLEGE) SENATOR). The reason for this (message/post) is to ask if you support my bid for candidacy by electronically stating your support. If you wish to support me, please fill out the appropriate form by following these steps:

- Additionally: "Make sure my name is spelled exactly as: [CANDIDATE NAME SPELLED EXACTLY AS IS PROVIDED ON ELECTION PACKET]."
2. You may post to your social media pages on stories or posts using a form of the script above to acquire nomination signatures. **Yours and others' posts about signatures for your bid for candidacy cannot use the word 'vote' or any form of it. A candidate may only begin to utilize the word "vote" at the start of campaign week. (You are responsible for what others post about you regarding elections)**
 3. **You may collect and submit electronic AND physical signatures by the due date and time if both mediums add up to at least the minimum required signatures for the position you wish to run for.** Please submit nomination signatures with your Election Packet on its due date via email or in person. Remember to try to receive more than the minimum signatures in case there are some invalid signatures. You are ultimately the person responsible for collecting valid signatures.
 4. Be sure students spell your name correctly when submitting an electronic signature. Provide the Elections Department with the preferred spelling of your full name if needed. Nicknames, abbreviations, etc. cannot be accepted and will not count towards valid nomination signatures count.

Final Reminders:

- No member of the ASNMSU shall sign more petitions of candidacy than positions to be voted on. This is checked by Election Officials upon receiving the petitions.
- Candidates for Senate: All signatures must be from the members of the college in which you are running, all others will be deemed invalid.
- Students **MUST** spell your name correctly on the electronic nomination signature form.
- Physical nomination signatures must be legible to be counted.
- If you need extra copies of ANY form, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Elections department.

Candidate's Name: _____

NOMINATIONS FROM ASNMSU MEMBERS

Name (Print)

Initials

College

NMSU Email

Aggie ID

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

Candidate's Name: _____

Name (Print)

Initials

College

NMSU Email

Aggie ID

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Candidate's Name: _____

Name (Print)

Initials

College

NMSU Email

Aggie ID

14 _____

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16 _____

17 _____

18 _____

19 _____

20 _____

Name (Print)

Initials

College

NMSU Email

Aggie ID

21 _____

22 _____

23 _____

24 _____

25 _____

Candidate's Name (Please Print)

Candidate's Name: _____

NOMINATIONS FROM ASNMSU MEMBERS

Name (Print)

Initials

College

NMSU Email

Aggie ID

1 _____

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6 _____

Candidate's Name: _____

Name (Print)

Initials

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NMSU Email

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Candidate's Name: _____

Name (Print)

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Name (Print)

Initials

College

NMSU Email

Aggie ID

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25 _____

Candidate's Name (Please Print)

ASNMSU QUALIFICATION CHECK RELEASE/AUTHORIZATION

****ASNMSU Qualification Check Release and Authorization Form is due to the Chief Elections Officer on February 25, 2026, by 5:00 pm****

By my signature below, I hereby authorize personnel in the offices of Associated Students of New Mexico State University to verify and release the following information to the Chief Elections Officer and ASNMSU Advisor in accordance with the ASNMSU Governing Documents,:

- 1) Membership in ASNMSU
- 2) Academic Standing
- 3) Disciplinary Standing
- 4) Grade Point Average

The Chief Elections Officer, in conjunction with the ASNMSU Advisors, will prepare a list of candidates for office, including their qualifications for office, and provide the list and this Release Authorization form to the office of ASNMSU and the Dean of Students. The office of the Dean of Students shall notify the Chief Elections Officer of the statuses of the candidates seeking election and the Chief Elections Officer and their team will use that information to determine whether any candidate does not meet the qualifications for office.

Signature

Printed Name

Aggie ID #

Position You Are Seeking

Date Signed

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ASNMSU ELECTION CODE

****You must turn this form into the Chief Elections Officer either in person in the ASNMSU Office or by email to asnmsuceo@nmsu.edu. This form is due February 25, 2026, by 5:00 pm.****

I, _____, hereby acknowledge and solemnly commit to abide by all rules and regulations stipulated in the ASNMSU Election Code, as set forth in Chapter 2 of the ASNMSU bylaws, as an official candidate in the ASNMSU Spring Elections.

I hereby acknowledge and confirm that I have read and familiarized myself with the ASNMSU Election Code. I understand that failure to comply with these rules may result in serious consequences, including but not limited to a meeting with the Election Board to discuss appropriate penalties or even disqualification as a candidate from the ASNMSU Spring 2026 Elections.

By signing this acknowledgement, I understand the significance of adhering to these rules and the potential consequences that may arise from any violations, and I affirm my understanding of the importance of maintaining the integrity and fairness of the ASNMSU electoral process.

Signature

Date

VOTER INTIMIDATION PROHIBITION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

****You must turn this form into the Chief Elections Officer either in person in the ASNMSU office or by email to asnmsuceo@nmsu.edu. This form is due February 25, 2026, by 5:00 pm.****

I, _____, hereby acknowledge and affirm that as a candidate in the ASNMSU Spring 2026 Elections, I fully understand and recognize that the intimidation of voters is *strictly* prohibited. I am committed to upholding the principles of fairness, transparency, and inclusivity throughout the election process.

Voter intimidation can be, *but is not limited to*, any action or behavior that seeks to coerce, manipulate, or influence voters in an improper or inappropriate manner. It is crucial to foster an environment where every voter feels empowered to exercise their right to vote freely.

The following are examples of what may constitute voting intimidation:

1. Threats or Coercion: Engaging in any form of verbal or physical intimidation, including but not limited to, making threats, taking a student's voting device and voting on their behalf, actively watching voters submit their ballot, or exerting any undue pressure on voters to influence their choices.
2. Dissemination of False Information: Spreading misleading or false information about the election process, candidates, or candidate/voter eligibility with the intention of confusing or dissuading voters from participating.
3. Obstruction of Access: Deliberately impeding or obstructing voters' access to polling places, such as blocking entrances, disrupting the voting process, or engaging in any activities that hinder voters from exercising their right to vote.
4. Discrimination or Harassment: Engaging in discriminatory practices or harassment based on race, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, or any other protected characteristic, which creates a hostile environment and inhibits voters from freely expressing their choices.
5. Coercive Influence: Attempting to unduly influence voters through bribery, promises of personal gain, or any form of exchange that compromises the integrity of the voting process.

As a candidate, I pledge to conduct myself ethically and to actively discourage any form of voter intimidation within my campaign team and my supporters. By signing this acknowledgment, I affirm my commitment to upholding the principles of a free and fair election. I understand that any violation of these principles may result in appropriate disciplinary action as determined by the ASNMSU Election Board.

Signature

Date

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

You must turn this form into the Chief Elections Officer either in person in the ASNMSU Office or by email to asnmsuceo@nmsu.edu. This can be submitted along with the rest of the Spring 2026 Elections Packet on **February 25, 2026, by 5:00 pm** OR **April 10, 2026, by 5:00 pm**. **Please turn in with "N/A", signature and date if no expenses occurred.**

Expenses:

Total: _____

Donation of goods and services:

Total: _____

I certify the above to be true and correct as acknowledged by the accompanying receipts and letters of verification.

Candidate name:

Position Seeking:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

2-7-2. FINANCIAL RULES

- A. Total campaign expenditure limits for each candidate for the general election shall not exceed the following:
 - 1. Five hundred dollars (\$500) for ASNMSU Senators;
 - 2. One thousand dollars (\$1000) for ASNMSU President and Vice President;

SOCIAL MEDIA / LIST SERVE FORM

This form is due by **5:00 pm on February 25, 2026**. **Write N/A if no posts occur**. If any changes arise after this deadline, you may submit a new form with updates and submit it by **April 10, 2026, by 5:00 pm**. Please ensure social media accounts are public. **Please turn in with "N/A" if not applicable**

Social Media

Platform and Username: _____

Number of Followers: _____

Account Administrators: _____

Number of posts planned and dates: _____

Description of planned posts/stories/etc: _____

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Email List Serve

Name of List Serve: _____ Planned send date: _____
Number of People on List Serve: _____
Name, title, and email of person who gave you approval: _____

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Number of People on List Serve: _____
Name, title, and email of person who gave you approval: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN TEAM LIST

This form is due by 5:00 pm on March 26, 2026. Please list below those representing your campaign as members of your official campaign team. You may list up to 10 members. **Please turn in with "N/A" if not applicable.**

Name (Print)	Aggie ID
1 _____	
2 _____	
3 _____	
4 _____	
5 _____	
6 _____	
7 _____	
8 _____	
9 _____	
10 _____	

I, _____, understand that my campaign team members represent me. Therefore, I take full responsibility for their actions, adhering to the election code and guidelines set by the ASNMSU Elections Department. Any violations may result in disciplinary actions set forth by the ASNMSU Election Board, including termination of team membership, team, and/or candidacy.

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____



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ASNMSU Electoral Code of Ethics

The Associated Students of New Mexico State University (ASNMSU) enacts the following Electoral Code of Ethics in an effort to describe the ethical standards to which the ASNMSU seeks to exemplify.

RESPECT

- To be respectful is to be considerate and understanding of members and certain situations.
- Respect requires open mindedness when members do not feel respected and wish to find a solution.

INCLUSION

- To be inclusive is to allow membership or participation of any willing person regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ancestry, national origin, color, retaliation, serious medical condition, spousal affiliation, pregnancy, protected veteran status, race, religion, ethnicity, or disability.
- Inclusion requires open mindedness when members do not feel included due to the aforementioned identifying factors.

PROFESSIONALISM

- Professionalism is to foster healthy relationships within and outside an organization.
- Professionalism is to be aware of the way in which one represents an organization.

INTEGRITY

- Integrity is to conduct oneself with trustworthiness and honesty in all capacities.
- Integrity is to be accountable of oneself and others.

INNOVATION

- Innovation includes striving to improve the surroundings and inner workings of an organization.
- Innovation includes the boldness to make change and trying to implement it.
- Innovation includes continually being open minded to the possibility of change within an organization.

FAIRNESS

- Fairness includes equitability within an organization regardless of position or leadership status.
- Fairness means that all members are subject to opportunity to contribute to the organization.



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By signing this document, I _____ am acknowledging its contents and agree to adhere by it.

NAME PRINTED

POSITION

SIGNATURE

DATE

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Two-Step Process:

- Pre-Trial
 - The Chief Elections Officer shall present the violation(s) and any accompanying evidence to the Election Board.
 - The Election Board shall review, discuss, and vote whether the Board will hear the violation.
 - Violations voted to not be heard shall be dismissed by the Board.
 - Violations voted to be heard will enter the post-trial phase.
 - Post-Trial
 - Both parties shall be notified of the Election Board meeting where their violation will be discussed one (1) calendar day before the meeting start time.
 - Filers are REQUIRED to appear before the Election Board for a violation via in-person, appointing a representative, or electronically (phone call, zoom, email, etc.)
 - All questions concerning the violation process should be directed solely to the ASNMSU Elections Department.
 - Violations can only be submitted by ASNMSU fee paying members (as defined by the ASNMSU Bylaws), faculty and staff.
 - One individual can submit up to a total of 3 violations.
- Note* The Election Board will not be accepting anonymous violations. To file a complaint anonymously, you must request this when initially filing with the Chief Elections Officer.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Who is an 'ASNMSU member'?

A: An 'ASNMSU member' is any main campus student who has paid the ASNMSU fee.

Q: How is a student's signature of nomination different from a vote?

A: A student's signature of nomination indicates their support for you to appear as a candidate on the official ASNMSU election ballot. It is not a vote. A vote is a student's final decision among the certified candidates on the ballot.

Q: Who is the Election Board?

A: The Election Board is made up of the Chief Elections Officer, Deputy Elections Officer, Attorney General, and a representative appointed by each college council.

Q: What if a form is not applicable to me?

A: If a form is NOT applicable to you, please still submit the form with "N/A". As all forms are required.

CAMPAIGN RULES

All Election Campaign rules and regulations can be found on the ASNMSU Website under the 'Government' tab. Select 'Bylaws,' then proceed to Chapter 2 labeled "**The Election Code**" under section **2-7-1 General Rules** in the ASNMSU Bylaws. If for any reason you or anyone else is unable to locate the online version of the ASNMSU Bylaws, printed out versions will be accessible in the ASNMSU Office located in Corbett Center Student Union (CCSU) Room 106.

All ASNMSU elections rules and regulations can be found in the ASNMSU bylaws located at <https://asnmsu.nmsu.edu> under the 'Government' drop down menu. If a paper copy of the bylaws is needed, please contact the Elections Department.

ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

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