



Miles College Student Government Association 2026 Elections Official Candidate Packet

Schedule for SGA Elections, Royal Court, and Class Queens

Information Sessions

- ONLY Aspirants for the SGA President & SGA Vice-President, Mister and Miss Miles College, Class Presidents and Class Queens, Tuesday, February 24, 2026, in the Balton Theatre Room, 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Applications

- **Application Due date**
 - o All Candidates running for any SGA Office, Mister Miles, Miss Miles, and Class Presidents and Class Queens, applications are due, **Friday, February 27, 2026** in the Office of Student Activities (Room 221) by **2:00 P.M., NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Notification of Certified Candidates

- o The list of certified candidates will be posted on the Student Activity Center Bulletin Board on **Friday, February 27, 2026** by **5:00 pm.**

Campaigning Begins

- o Friday, February 27, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Campaigning Ends

- o Thursday, March 17, 2026 at 11:59 pm.

Speeches & Debates

- o March 4, 2026 (via livestream)
- o March 16, 2026

Election Days

- o Elections will take place via Canvas, **Wednesday, March 18, 2026** starting at **8:00 am** and ending at **5:00 pm.**

Election Results

- o Election results will be announced for Royal Court and SGA on **March 18, 2026** after the pageant (all results need to be announced at the same time).

Election Overview

1. Each SGA Presidential, Mister Miles College and Miss Miles College candidate must be eligible in all respects (i.e. GPA, credit hours, etc.) at the time of application. Candidates must be in good standings with the College. Good standing is defined as a minimum 3.00 (SGA President), 3.00 (SGA Vice-President), 3.00 (Mister Miles College and Miss Miles College) cumulative grade point average, a minimum of 45 Credits Hours and no judicial sanctions.
2. All candidates, and appointed Class and SGA Executive Board Officers must be cleared through the Office of Student Affairs. Students shall be declared ineligible if they are under active sanction of suspension or currently on disciplinary probation for multiple minor violations of the Code of Student Conduct (Code), or aggravated violations, or completed suspension sanction, or controlled dangerous substance violations, or disruptive conduct, or weapons violations. The Office of Student Affairs shall hold each student to a high standard of behavior, both to protect the campus community, and to promote student moral development, when reviewing eligibility of candidates.
3. Attendance and proper business attire are required at all events.
4. Candidates for Student Government Association President and Vice President must run together on the same ticket and must be elected together. Running mates must be chosen prior to the application deadline. Final slate of candidates will be determined by submitted applications. ***The disqualification of one running mate automatically disqualifies the other person on the ticket.***
5. Candidates for Class President and Vice-President must run together on the same ticket and must be elected together. Running mates must be chosen prior to the application deadline. Final slate of candidates will be determined by submitted applications. ***The disqualification of one running mate automatically disqualifies the other person on the ticket.***
6. All candidates, except those running for SGA President, SGA Vice-President, Mister Miles College and Miss Miles College, are required to give a 3-minute speech. The audience will be allowed to pose questions to the candidates following the speeches.
7. Only the candidates running for SGA President/Vice-President and Class President/Vice President will participate in a debate.
8. Candidates for Mister Miles College and Miss Miles College are required to have an interview and participate in the Mister & Miss Miles College Pageant. The dates and times for the interviews and pageant are publicized in the election's timeline. More information concerning the election process for Mister and Miss Miles College are on page 6.
9. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please speak with the Director of Student Activities in the Student Activities Center, Mrs. Tericka Sanders (twSanders@miles.edu | 205.929.1400).

Rules for Campaigning

1. All potential candidates for office must be certified by the Director of Student Activities as eligible participants before campaigning begins. Potential candidates must be in good standing with the College. Good standing is defined as a minimum 3.00 (SGA President), 3.00 (SGA Vice-President), 3.00 (Mister Miles College and Miss Miles College) cumulative grade point average, a minimum of 45 Credits Hours and no judicial sanctions.
2. Campaigning will not begin until **Friday, February 27 at 7:00 pm** ANYONE caught non-silently campaigning before the official start date on Campus will be automatically disqualified. Anyone caught campaigning before the official start date on *Facebook*, *Instagram*, *Twitter* or any other Social Media/Internet sites will be automatically disqualified. Do not pass out ANY campaign materials, which include but are not limited to t-shirts, handbills, posters, etc. prior to **Friday, February 27, 2026 at 7:00 pm**.
3. There will be no infringing on property rights (i.e. hiding signs, destroying signs, poster, fliers, etc.). In addition, disrespect displayed by any candidate will not be tolerated.
4. There will be no campaigning in or campaign propaganda on the following buildings: Brown Hall, Welcome Center, the Learning Resources Center, and Athletics Facilities. Do not place campaign propaganda on any Miles College entrances or exit.
5. Do not deface (destroy, damage, scar, disfigure) school property with campaign materials or propaganda. **Only place flyers and posters on bulletin boards.** Do not place flyers or posters on glass, light fixtures, construction fences or on the Miles campus directories. Do not place signs or posters with stakes into the

ground, and **NO CHALKING AT ALL!!! DO NOT PLACE ANY CAMPAIGN MATERIALS (flyers, balloons, etc.) ON THE WELCOME CENTER.**

6. Campaigning in the Student Government Association Office and Office of Student Activities is prohibited.
7. All signs, posters, and flyers must be completely removed from the campus by 5 pm the day after elections.
8. Permission must be received from Resident Directors to post campaign materials in the resident halls. Candidates must receive permission from administrators in all academic buildings before posting campaign materials in that particular building.
9. Neither candidates nor any Miles students are allowed to set up voting stations in **any academic buildings, nor the Student Center. You are prohibited to vote on behalf of other students.**
10. The distribution of food and non-alcoholic drinks (cookies, cupcakes, pizza, ice cream, coffee, smoothies etc.) by candidates or anyone associated with them will need to complete an Activity Permit. If distributing candy only pre-wrapped candy is allowed.
11. Candidates may request a table in the Student Center between the hours of 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Monday- Friday. Please visit the Building Operations Manager to set up a table.

A candidate found violating any of the rules above will be subject to elimination from the elections process.

Voting will begin **Wednesday, March 18, 2026 starting at 8:00 am and ending at 5:00 pm.** Electronic Ballots will be available via Canvas. Announcement will be conducted at the 90th Miss Miles Pageant on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Instructions to post flyers around Campus

1. Only certified candidates and campaign managers may post flyers around campus
2. Send an email to twsanders@miles.edu - Include in your email the following:
 - 2.1. Your full name
 - 2.2. Position you are running for
 - 2.3. Phone number
 - 2.4. Start date the advertisement should be posted
 - 2.5. Flyers should be ATTACHED in jpeg or png. format, 300 dpi, and portrait dimensions, Instagram, Facebook, tik-tok, etc. The Student Activities Center reserves the right to refuse to post images that are of poor visual quality or are deemed inappropriate or offensive.

Constitutional Guidelines for SGA Elections

The candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency of the Student Government Association, shall be certified as juniors or seniors for the following fall semester and will have **NO LESS THAN 45 CREDITS** at the time of application for their position.

In case of a transfer student who seeks the office of President, Vice-President, he/she must have matriculated at Miles College for two (2) consecutive semesters prior to the semester in which the election is held. In addition, transfer students are required to have a minimum of 24 credit hours, which must be from Miles College, and a 3.00 (SGA President) and 3.00 (SGA Vice-President) cumulative grade point average.

All candidates seeking positions within the Student Government Association must have a cumulative **3.00 grade point average** at the time of application for office. If a candidate has less than a cumulative 3.00 grade point average at the time of application for the position, he/she will not be eligible to run for the designated position.

The candidates for class officers other than the freshman class must be pursuing the equivalent credits that will make him/her eligible for the office for which he/she is running at the end of the semester of candidacy. For instance, Freshmen running for a Sophomore Class position **must have at least 18 credits**, Sophomores running for a Junior Class position **must have at least 45 credits** and Juniors running for a Senior Class

position **must have at least 75 credits** by the end of the Spring semester.

In case of a transfer student, he/she must have matriculated at Miles College the semester prior to the semester in which the election is held and have successfully completed **no less than 12 credits** at Miles and with no less than a cumulative **3.00 grade point average** at Miles at the time of application and the required hours for the office which he/she seeks.

If by the end of the semester of candidacy, an elected candidate for any office does not have the required credit he/she will be required to relinquish his/her position to the next highest runner-up who is qualified for the office.

The Vice-President of Student Affairs verifies the academic average and credits to meet the candidacy requirements. The Board of Election Supervisors determines all petitions and final actions regarding the election.

An orientation process shall begin as early as a week after the election but no later than the new administration's inauguration in April. The orientation period is for the newly elected President, Vice-President, Mr. and Miss Miles, Class Presidents, and the Executive Board of the Student Government Association. The newly elected officers shall be officially in office on the first Friday in April.

Student Government Association Vice-President

The Student Government Association Vice-President shall be the President of the Student Senate and shall impartially preside at its sessions. That individual shall cast the decisive vote in cases in which there is a tie vote. That individual shall also work closely with the President in coordinating the functions of the Student Government Association and through the Senate, keep abreast of the workings of each department. That individual shall function as second in command of the Executive Board of the Student Government Association.

Class President

1. The President is the chief executive officer and policy leader of his/her class.
2. The President shall preside over all class meetings and insure they are conducted in an orderly fashion.
3. The President shall be empowered to make recommendations to the Class Executive Board for their consideration of such matters that he/she judges necessary and important.
4. The President shall request and entertain all written and/or verbal opinions of class officers and members upon any matter, which may have an impact on the class as a whole.
5. The President shall propose an agenda for all class meetings.
6. The President shall have the power to call a special session of the class and/or Executive when he/she decides it is necessary.
7. The President shall have the power to deem any meeting closed to the public and all class members when he/she feels that the Executive Committee has confidential business to discuss.
8. The President shall appoint committees and chairpersons of committees.
9. The President shall meet regularly with other class officers.
10. The President shall serve as a member of the Student Government Association Executive Board and attend all weekly meetings.

Class Vice-President

1. The Vice-President shall be empowered to act for the President if he/she is unable to perform duties of his/her office.
2. The Vice-President performs all duties as directed by the President.

3. The Vice-President shall be an official non-voting member of every committee appointed unless otherwise stated.

Class Secretary

1. The Secretary shall be responsible for recording official minutes at every meeting of the class Executive Board and every class meeting.
2. The Secretary shall prepare minutes for distributing to each class officer.
3. The Secretary shall keep an accurate attendance book.
4. The Secretary shall be responsible for all facilities as needed by the class.
5. The Secretary shall requisition all facilities as needed by the class.
6. The Secretary shall perform other such duties as directed by the President.

Senators

1. There shall be Class Senators for each class.
2. The Senators shall attend all Student Senate meetings called by the Student Government Association Vice-President.
3. The Senators shall give reports to the class Executive Board of the Student Senate meetings.
4. The Senators shall be responsible for presenting class concerns and programs to the Senate on behalf of the class when necessary for Senate approval.
5. The Senators shall perform all other such duties as directed by the President.

Class Treasurer (if applicable)

1. The Treasurer shall receive all funds and be responsible for their safekeeping, accounting and audit.
2. The Treasurer shall be responsible for their preparation of records of all expenditures according to the class account.
3. The Treasurer shall file receipts for all purchases made by the class.
4. The Treasurer shall make monthly financial reports available to the class members.
5. The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing a report of all class expenditures and transactions to the Comptroller of the Student Government Association.
6. The Treasurer shall perform other such duties as directed by the President.

Class Queens

1. The **Class Queen** shall serve as the official host of the class.
2. The **Class Queen** shall be presented as the class representatives to the school during the Mister and Miss Miles College Coronation.
3. The **Class Queen** are official members of the College's Royal Court.
4. The **Class Queen** must attend and actively participate in all class programs and planning sessions.
5. The **Class Queen** shall serve on the Professional staff when needed.
6. The **Class Queen** shall coordinate a minimum of two (2) campus/community service projects each academic semester.
7. The **Class Queen** shall perform other duties as directed by the President.

Special Duties and Responsibilities of the Class Presidents

Senior Class

- Convocation
- Founder's Day
- Senior Ball/Banquet
- Baccalaureate
- Commencement

Junior Class

- Junior Week

Sophomore Class

- Sophomore Week

Freshman Class

- Freshman Week
- School Spirit Campaign

**Other initiatives as assigned*

Legislative Branch

1. The Legislative Branch consists of all the members of the General Assembly (GA).
2. He/she shall be responsible for attending all GA meetings.
3. Report all public matters pertaining to the meeting to the Student Body and Executive Board, and
4. Serve as the chief liaison to the GA.

Miss & Mister Miles College/Class Queens Application Guidelines

Criteria

1. The applicant must possess a minimum **3.00 Cumulative GPA** at the time of application and must be maintained throughout the reign.
2. The applicant must be classified as a rising Junior or Senior for the ensuing fall semester, with no less than sixty (60) credit hours. Transfer students must have sixty (60) credit hours, with twenty-four (24) of the credit hours from Miles College.
3. The applicant must be involved in at least one (1) form of College extra-curricular activity.
4. Each applicant is required to submit a letter of intent: **Why should you be the next (Miss/ Mister Miles College, Miss Senior, Junior, Sophomore, or Freshman) and what legacy/impact would you like to leave should you win your desired title as part of the Miles College Royal Court?**
5. The applicant must be well poised, articulate in both written and oral formats, responsible, and possess leadership qualities.
6. The applicant must remain in good financial standing with the institution and meet annual academic and financial registration deadlines.

Selection Process

1. Miss & Mister Miles College will be selected based on percentage scoring that will be accumulated from the following sectors: **Pageant Interview, Pageant Performance, and Student Vote.**
2. The titles of Miss & Mister Miles College will be rendered based on the total highest percentage score accumulated by each candidate.
 - a. **Interview:** Candidates will be judged on his/her letter of intent, public speaking skills, appearance, intellect, poise, and articulation.
 - b. **Pageant:** Candidates will be judged on his/her performance in the following categories: Introduction, Talent, Onstage Question, and overall poise in each segment of the pageant.
 - c. **Secret Ballot:** The student body will vote through an electronic secret ballot process on his/her Canvas platform.

Miss & Mister Miles College Scoring Rubric
Pageant Interview Score: 25%
Pageant Score: 50%
Student Body Vote (Secret Ballot): 25%

Total Amount of Points Per Segment

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| 1. Pageant Interview: 200pts | 3. Student Body Vote: Will reflect total number of students enrolled |
| 2. Pageant Performance: 950pts | |

Sample Score Rubric:

Potential Point: 1,898

Interview: 200

Pageant: 950

Student Vote: 748

Sector	Percentage	Candidate #1	Candidate #1 Percentage Score	Candidate #2	Candidate #2 Percentage Score
Interview	25%	175/200	43.75	195/200	48.75
Pageant	50%	600/950	300	888/950	444
Student Vote	25%	523/748	261.50	720/748	180
Total Score	100%	1,298	605.25	1,803*	672.75*

* Denotes the candidate to be crowned as winner

Fundraising

Candidates are required to raise a minimum of **\$1,000** before the conclusion of the campaign week. The proposed maximum amount a candidate may raise is **\$5,000**. All funds will be submitted to the Office of Institutional Advancement & Development to be recorded and implemented/allocated to the ensuing Royal Court budget for the next Fiscal Year. Candidates who meet the minimum requirement are eligible to receive an **additional 10%** added to his/her overall score of the pageant.

The candidate fundraising competition will be coordinated and facilitated by the Office of Institutional Advancement and Development and monitored publicly via the “**Gravyty**” platform. This will allow transparency and autonomy. The donation portal will open on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 and close on March 19, 2026.

People’s Choice

All final payments to support candidates will be made at the pageant on March 18, 2026. A box will be placed in the atrium, monitored by an official of the college, and donations will close before the “Talent” portion of the completion. The student with the most funds raised will receive the “**People’s Choice Award**” during the awards segment of the pageant.

Candidates who **exceed the minimum amount** of funds to be raised may receive a **10% reimbursement** to be applied to his/her tuition for the ensuing **Fall** semester.

Should a candidate fail to meet all components of the campaign and election process, unless deemed an extenuating circumstance, may be disqualified and 100% of the proceeds raised will be allocated to the ensuing Royal Court Budget. Disqualifications include but are not limited to

withdrawal/dropping out of the competition, failure to adhere to all campaign and election processes, or withdrawal from the college

The Royal Court

Eligibility to Compete/Agreement Form

- Attend the Royal Court Interest Meeting
- 3.00 Cumulative GPA (at the time of application and maintained throughout reign)
- Remain in good financial standing with the institution and meet all annual academic and financial registration deadlines
- Participate in the Royal Court Pageant Showcase
- Enrolled as a full-time student at Miles College for the upcoming fall and spring semesters (minimum of 15 credit hours) at the time of competition and throughout reign.
- NO Judicial/Disciplinary record within or outside the institution
- Demonstrate sterling attributes of character supported by (2) letters of recommendation.
- Complete and Submit the application packet by the deadline
- Complete and Submit the SGA required documents for official entry on the ballot by the deadline.
- Participate in ALL Leadership Development Workshops and Rehearsals as scheduled.
- Can NOT run or hold any leadership positions within any organization (SGA, CAB, etc.)
- ALL credit hours and classification must be met by the end of the spring semester. Candidates who do not meet the credit hour criteria or GPA will be replaced.
- Serve as the official host/hostess of the college or class
- Coordinate at least one (1) major community service project each academic semester, benefiting the student body and/or surrounding community; serve as a reflection of the college's concern for the betterment of the community and a reflection of the candidates' personal platform.
- Attend the weekly Royal Court meeting hosted every Thursday at 5:00p.m. (This meeting will include but is not limited to dress rehearsals, attire submissions, community engagement and involvement).

I _____ (print), have read and understand the above. I will adhere to the minimal requirements of the college, Student Government Association (SGA) guidelines and uphold the outlined responsibilities of the Royal Court.

Signature of Student Leader

Position Awarded

Royal Court Advisor

Director of Student Activities

Vice President of Student Affairs

Miles College
Student Government Association
Candidacy and Eligibility Application
(Please Print Clearly)

Full Name:

Classification: Major:

Student Identification Number:

Local Address:

Cellular Phone Number:

Miles Email Address:

Social Media Account:

Position Being Sought:

Running Mate (If applicable):

Platform:

Please submit your professional headshot to the Director of Student Activities, twsanders@miles.edu.

I have read and understand the rules and regulations concerning the Student Government Association's election process. I agree to duly respect other candidates, their property, and right to campaign. Additionally, I will adhere to all College's policies and the Student Code of Conduct. I understand that if I violate any of the rules and regulations, I may be eliminated from the elections process.

Signature of Candidate

Date:

For office use only: Please see Academic Records for Official reporting data.

Cumulative G.P.A:		Credit Hours Earned:	
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