



## **Residential Life Spring 2024 Student Government Campaigning Guidelines**

*Please note that Student Government may have more restrictive campaign guidelines than Residential Life*

### **Solicitation**

To support resident safety, the department has adopted the following guidelines for individuals or groups who wish to engage in solicitation.

### **Political Campaigning**

As a state institution, and in support of Student Government, specific guidelines are established for both Student Government elections and for campaigning on behalf of candidates for local, county, state, and national offices. Residents can choose to post a “no campaigning” sign on their living unit door.

The spirit of these guidelines is twofold: 1) to make it easy for candidates to follow and 2) to make it easier for residence hall students to learn about who is running for each Student Government position by having a designed high-traffic posting area in each of our five communities.

### **Student Government campaign material and campaigning opportunities in residence hall facilities**

- Each residence hall community (McElroy, Preska, Crawford, Julia Sears, and Stadium Heights) will designate a high-traffic location where candidates can display one poster (up to 11” x 17”) for their campaign. Posters can either be hung at the designated location by the candidate with “blue painter tape” or be brought to the respective front desk and Residential Life staff will hang.
  - Candidates should inspect posters each week and replace posters that have been damaged.
  - Residential Life staff will remove all posters after the Student Government elections.
- Residents may choose to post campaign materials on their individual living unit doors if the total postings on the door do not exceed 20%.
- Residents may choose to post campaign materials on their living unit windows.
- Campaign materials may be placed under resident room doors. (Please note items will not fit under doors at Stadium Heights). A resident of the floor must escort any candidate who does not have a room assignment to that floor when campaign materials are being distributed. If a “no campaigning” sign is posted on the door, no campaigning materials may be placed under the room door.
- The candidate can participate in “door-to-door” campaigning when escorted by a resident of the floor (McElroy, Crawford, Julia Sears, and Preska) or the building (Stadium Heights) between the hours of 9 AM - 9 PM. If a “no campaigning” sign is posted on the door, no campaigning can occur at that location.
- The candidate can enter a residence hall room upon permission from one or more of the residents of that room.
- A candidate can reserve a table outside of the University Dining Center once by visiting <https://mankato.mnsu.edu/university-life/housing/residential-life/about-residential-life/forms/>
- RHA will have designated times when candidates can speak to the RHA assembly and distribute materials. The RHA President (or designee) will provide that information (and process) to the Student Government Elections Commission Chair. RHA assembly meetings are held on Mondays at 4 PM in Preska 126.

While candidates can have conversations with students about their candidacy in public areas of the residence halls, residence hall space is not reservable for campaigning purposes. Additionally, the mass distribution/leaving of campaign materials in residence hall spaces (floor lounges, public hallways, etc.) does not align with the campaigning opportunities described above.

### **Residential Life Involvement**

Residential Life will send information about Student Government elections to all residence hall students once via our weekly electronic newsletter. The Student Government President, or designee, can provide that information to the RHA Advisor.

Residential Life professional staff will not promote the candidacy of any candidate directly to residence hall student nor provide Residential Life student staff access to space not available to all other candidates.