

Cameron University Student Government Association
General Election Rules
Effective March 9th, 2026

Section 1 — Purpose

The following election rules are designed to offer the students of Cameron University a fair means of electing Student Government Officers (President, Vice President, and Treasurer) each year.

Section 2 — Filing

- A. Filing for CUSGA Officer positions (President, Vice President, and Treasurer) opens at 8:00 AM fifteen (15) school days before voting and closes at 4:00 PM, six (6) school days before voting. ***There will be no exceptions!***
- B. All candidates running for office may file using two methods:
 1. In-Person: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, in the Events and Activities Office.
 2. Digital: Via email (cusga@cameron.edu) anytime during the filing period and prior to 4:00 PM of the last filing date.
- C. Filing will consist of the candidate completing forms required by CUSGA, including a statement of having read and agreeing to abide by the election rules and the CUSGA Constitution.
- D. Candidates for CUSGA office must comply with the requirements outlined in the CUSGA Constitution.
- E. Upon filing for CUSGA office, the candidate automatically removes oneself from the CUSGA Election Committee for the duration of the election, including the run-off.
- F. Voting for CUSGA Officers will take place the first full school week in April. The run-off elections (if necessary) will take place the week following the voting.

Section 3 — Campaigning

- A. Time Span
 1. Campaigning for the CUSGA office will begin five (5) school days prior to the first day of voting, immediately after registration closes, and until voting ends. A town hall may be held the week prior to voting to allow time for a public debate of the various candidates.
 2. All campaign material must be removed from the Cameron University campus by the party responsible for having put it there within two (2) school days after voting has been completed.
- B. Restrictions
 1. On the day of voting, members of the CUSGA Election Committee will have the authority to remove and dispose of any candidate's campaign materials.
 2. Candidates must follow the rules for posting as stated in the Student Handbook. Candidates may obtain the Student Handbook via this link: <https://www.cameron.edu/current-students/student-services/handbook>.
 3. All candidates must campaign independently. Joint or "ticket" campaigning is strictly prohibited. Each piece of campaign material (signs, digital posts, etc.) may only feature the name and platform of one (1) verified candidate.
 4. Candidates may have no more than one (1) "large sign" on campus. "Large signs" shall be no larger than four feet by eight feet (4' x 8').
 5. Candidates may place up to thirty (30) yard signs on campus in accordance with University rules. "Yard signs" shall be no larger than three feet by three feet (3' x 3')
 6. Chalking - Each candidate may chalk in five feet by five feet (5' x 5') areas on the Cameron University campus on the concrete sidewalks.
 7. Prior permission for posting and location must be obtained from the Director of Events and Activities and the Director of Physical Facilities before "Large signs" or "Yard signs" may be placed anywhere on campus. Any off-campus signs are prohibited.

8. Personal websites or social media pages made by or on behalf of the candidate may not be used to slander or degrade the other opponents. All platforms will be accessible through the Student Government website.
9. No more than \$200 may be spent by or on behalf of any candidate or campaign materials including monetary donations.
 - a. Receipts for all materials (purchased and donated) must be either turned in to the CUSGA Election Committee Chairperson or CUSGA Office by 4:00 PM or via email (cusga@cameron.edu) by 4:00 PM the Friday before the elections are over. A list of the purchases/donations is required.
 - b. It is the duty of the Election Committee to ensure the validity and fair market value of the receipts and to ensure that the \$200 limit has not been exceeded.
 - c. Candidates may accept any donated materials (i.e. food items, sign materials, coupons, money), but the total must not surpass the \$200 limit. Receipts must be provided of all donations.

Section 4 — Voting

A. General

1. Online voting will be set up by the CUSGA Advisor in coordination with the CUSGA Elections Committee. Voting is to begin no later than noon on Monday and end at 4:00 PM on the last day of voting.

B. Ballots

1. Voting results will be examined and verified after the voting period has ended by at least the CUSGA Election Committee chairperson, one (1) member of the CUSGA Election Committee and one (1) of the following: the Director of Events and Activities, the Dean of Students, or a CUSGA academic advisor.
2. The three (3) elected officer positions (President, Vice President, and Treasurer) shall be elected by individual position.
3. For elected positions with multiple running candidates, the elected individual [the separate positions] shall require a majority (ex. two candidates, 50% + 1 vote) of votes cast in order to win the election. A run-off election will only be required if there is a tie for the higher number of votes between two (2) candidates.
4. In a run-off election, only the top two (2) candidates from the first election will remain. The rest of the candidates will be removed from the election entirely. The run-off election shall take place the third full week of April
5. If no candidate receives a majority in the second election (i.e. run-off) or the officer elected leaves office early (i.e. GPA drops under the requirement stated in the CUSGA Constitution), the position stays vacant until the next election which is held in Fall Semester.
6. If the position of the CUSGA President is vacant, the CUSGA Vice President takes over as Interim until the next election is held. The Filing process is stated in Section 2 — Filing. If the president is impeached, the process will be in accordance with the constitution.

C. Procedure

1. An electronic ballot will be sent to all students via email.
2. Students not receiving the electronic ballot must contact the office of Events and Activities in order to re-attempt the submission of their electronic ballot.
3. The CUSGA Election Committee must make a full report of election results at the next Student Government meeting after the winners are announced.

Section 5 — Violations

- A. It will be the responsibility of the election committee to monitor all elections and make certain they are run according to these guidelines.
- B. The CUSGA Election Committee, upon finding violations of the above rules, may fine the offending party up to \$25.00 per offense and/or remove the offending candidate from the position

for which he/she is running. Total fines may not exceed \$300.00. There will be no double jeopardy, thus no double charge for the same offense.

- C. The CUSGA Election Committee reserves the right to withdraw any candidate after as few as one violation if it is considered major. Any candidate will be withdrawn after three (3) violations. In extreme circumstances, which the candidate can provide reasonable proof of, the CUSGA Election Committee may make exceptions.
- D. The CUSGA Election Committee reserves the right to enforce penalties pertaining to issues not directly addressed in this document.

Section 6 - Suspension of Election Rules

- A. In the event of unprecedented or unpredictable changes to the typical voting timeline, the CUSGA Election Committee reserves the right to suspend the election rules, as needed, to allow an appropriate allotment of time for filing, campaigning, voting, etc. for all candidates. This suspension will require a majority vote by the Election Committee.