



STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Activities

Outstanding Seniors 2023

Candidate Information Packet

Outstanding Seniors Selection Timeline

Application form opens	Monday, September 11th	9:00am
Application closes	Friday, September 29th	11:59pm
Round 1 Polls open	Monday, October 2nd	9:00am
Round 1 Polls close	Monday, October 2nd	8:00pm
Finalists announced	Wednesday, October 4 th	
*Finalist Polls Open	Monday, October 9th	9:00am
*Finalist Polls Close	Monday, October 9th	8:00pm
Finalist Interviews	Wednesday, October 11th	TBA
Halftime Practice	TBD (October 9-13)	TBA
Outstanding Senior Announced	Saturday, October 14th	Halftime

*New to the process for Outstanding Senior

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Candidate Information

Nomination Process

1. Only recognized student organizations may nominate candidates. Organizations may nominate only one student that is a current member of the nominating organization.
2. Each nominee must be a full-time student senior at TCU (must have completed 84+ academic credit hours by the completion of the spring 2023 term), with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
3. The nominee must be in good standing with the University and cannot be under active disciplinary sanctions at TCU. Conduct records will be verified by Campus Life.
4. Classification, GPA, and standing of all nominees will be verified by Student Activities to certify that all candidates meet the eligibility requirements.
5. This year must be the first, and only, year that the student is nominated.
6. Once a student has been nominated, he or she has until the application deadline to submit their materials. Nominees who do not submit an application by the deadline will not be included in the selection process. More information about the application is included below.

Selection Process

1. The Outstanding Seniors selection process will consist of 2 parts:
 - Part 1 - (1) 25% resume, (2) 25% short essay, and (3) 50% popular vote
 - Part 2 - (1) 25% Part 1, (2) 25% Finalist vote, and (3) 50 % interview
2. Each applicant must submit a professional resume to be considered. Please submit a resume for a potential job in your future career field. If you need assistance on your resume, visit <https://careers.tcu.edu/students/career-tools/> and reference their resume section.
3. Each applicant must submit a short answer essay to be considered. The short essay shall be completed by the nominee him/herself and submitted online as part of the application.

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4. Nominees will receive confirmation of their candidacy once their applications have been received and reviewed.
5. Candidates will be invited to take professional headshots provided by TCU Yearbook for the voting ballot. More information will be emailed to candidates.
6. Initial round of voting will be held online using TCU Qualtrics on Monday, October 2nd, 2023 from 9:00am until 8:00pm. Each candidate's name, photo, and the three activities or honors selected by the candidate will be displayed on the ballot.
7. All TCU undergraduate students are eligible to cast their votes for Outstanding Seniors candidates. The student body will receive a direct email from TCU Qualtrics on the day of the election with a unique URL to cast their votes online. Solicitation of votes is subject to TCU's policies and procedures (see below) for promotional and marketing materials on campus. If you have any questions, please direct them to Kelly Lee (kelly.lee@tcu.edu). Violations will be mediated by senior Student Affairs staff members.

Finalist Information

1. The top ten candidates with the highest combined scores from Part 1 (resume, short essay, and student body vote) will be announced as finalists for Outstanding Seniors. The finalist selection process will continue in the following week leading up to the Homecoming game.
2. The finalists will be required to schedule an interview. A panel of faculty and staff judges representing offices from across campus will conduct the interviews. Each judge will submit an interview score for each finalist. The interview scores for each finalist will be averaged to determine the final interview score. The interview will be no more than twenty minutes.
3. The finalist round of voting will be held online using TCU Qualtrics on Monday, October 9th, 2023 from 9:00am until 8:00pm. Each candidate's name, photo, and the three activities or honors selected by the candidate will be displayed on the ballot.
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5. Each finalist is required to participate in the Homecoming Week activities.
6. Each Outstanding Senior finalist must be available for halftime practice (TBD on the exact day) and for participation at halftime of the football game on October 14th.

Outstanding Seniors Campaign Guidelines

Campaign Guidelines

1. Campaigning is “any public action initiated by either a candidate or a member of a candidate’s campaign staff to persuade members of the student body to vote for or against one or more candidates.”
2. **General Campaigning Rules :**
 - a. The candidate and sponsoring organization may only campaign through social media channels and cannot contribute a monetary amount to the candidate’s campaign.
 - b. We ask that all pages have a link to the official Homecoming website (homecoming.tcu.edu).
3. **Election Day Restrictions (Applies to both voting days):**
 - a. Each undergraduate student will receive an email containing a unique URL to access the ballot. This URL will only allow for one-time access.
 - b. You cannot create your own voting booths. Soliciting votes with any electronic device from which a student may cast a vote or access the polling portal is prohibited.