



STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Activities

Outstanding Seniors 2020

Candidate Information Packet

Outstanding Seniors Selection Timeline

Application form opens	Saturday, September 5th	9:00am
Application closes	Saturday, October 2nd	11:59pm
Polls open	Friday, October 9th	9:00am
Polls close	Friday, October 9th	11:59pm
Finalists announced	Monday, October 12th	
Finalist Interviews	Wednesday, October 21st	TBA
Halftime Practice	Friday, October 23rd	TBA
Outstanding Seniors Announced	Saturday, October 24th	Halftime

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Candidate Information

Nomination Process

1. Only registered student organizations may nominate candidates. Organizations may choose to nominate only one student, if preferred. Regardless of organization membership each student organization may nominate one male and one female student.
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 2019 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, standing, and gender 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) 50% Part 1 and (2) 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.
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.

For more information, please visit homecoming.tcu.edu or email Kelly Lee (kelly.lee@tcu.edu)

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. One round of voting will be held online using TCU Qualtrics on Friday, October 2nd, 2020 from 9:00am until 11:59pm. 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 for promotional and marketing materials on campus (please see Outstanding Seniors Guidelines listed below). If you have any questions, please direct them to the 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 weeks leading up to Traditions week.

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.

14. Each finalist is required to participate in the Traditions Week activities.

15. Each Outstanding Senior finalist must be available for halftime practice (Friday evening before the football game) and for participation at halftime of the football game on October 24th.

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:**
 - 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.