

Student Government Candidate Declaration

Name: _____

Position Sought: _____

School Address: _____
Street or Box Number City State Zip

Phone: _____ Semesters at college completed: _____

Cell: _____ Student ID number: _____

Regulations and Requirements

From the SGA Constitution:

Section 1. Representatives. There shall be up to twenty-seven representatives. Five full-time student representatives shall be chosen by and from each class. Two part-time student representatives may be appointed by the Assembly from the part-time student population. Three non-traditional student representative positions may be appointed from the non-traditional student population. Two graduate student representatives may be appointed from the graduate student population.

Section 2. Duties of Representatives.

A. Representatives shall:

1. Serve in the Assembly,
2. Serve on at least one of the following Standing committees: Educational Affairs, Financial Affairs, Campus and Community Service, and Public Relations, and also on one additional committee as assigned,
3. Serve on any other committees to which he/she may be appointed,
4. Each first time member shall be assigned a mentor and each member who has previously served on SGA shall serve as a mentor in the mentor program as needed,
5. Formally report to members of his/her class through an advisor-approved means at least twice per semester,
6. Shall attend three Campus and Community Service Bellarmine Volunteer Day per year and at least one per semester,
7. Each member shall have no more than one unexcused absences per semester for regular Assembly meetings, including mandatory SGA events as defined by the Executive Board and no more than two unexcused absences per semester for standing committee meetings,
8. Propose legislation in adherence with proper parliamentary procedure, and
9. Propose agenda items to the President for assembly meetings.

Section 3. Qualifications.

- A. Candidates for Representative positions must have a cumulative and semester G.P.A. of 2.0 at the time of election, and must maintain this cumulative and semester G.P.A. while in office.

- B. All Representatives must be full-time students while in office. Candidates do not have to be full-time students at the time of election.
- C. Candidates for *Senior Representative* positions must have completed a minimum of 5 semesters of college by the time of the election, excluding participation in college programs administered at the high school level (including, but not limited to, Advanced Placement and Access credit) and all summer semesters, and must have completed the fall term while enrolled at Bellarmine University.
- D. Candidates for *Junior Representative* positions must have completed a minimum of 3 semesters of college by the time of the election, excluding participation in college programs administered at the high school level (including, but not limited to, Advanced Placement and Access credit) and all summer semesters, and must have completed the fall term while enrolled at Bellarmine University. Candidates for Junior Representative positions may not have completed more than 4 semesters of college at the time of the election.
- E. Candidates for *Sophomore Representative* positions must have completed a minimum of 1 semester of college by the time of the election, excluding participation in University programs administered at the high school level (including, but not limited to, Advanced Placement and Access credit) and all summer semesters, and must have completed the fall term while enrolled at Bellarmine University. Candidates for Sophomore Representative positions may not have completed more than 2 semesters of college at the time of the election.
- F. *Freshman Representatives* must be first semester, full-time students at Bellarmine University, excluding participation in college programs administered at the high school level (including, but not limited to, Advanced Placement and Access credit).
- G. *Part-time, Non-traditional, and Graduate Representatives* must have and maintain a 2.0 GPA while in office.
- H. Failure to meet these requirements may result in removal from office.

Please attach a typed statement in fewer than 500 words which includes the following information:

1. Your qualifications and relative experience for the position sought.
2. Your goals and/or objectives for the position sought.
3. The student organizations, volunteer work/community service, and sports/intramurals you have participated in while at Bellarmine.
4. Your current job, if any, and if and when you will be working while in office.
5. Other relative information.

Be specific. The aforementioned will appear in the online ballots during the election.

All information is due by Friday, September 5th, 2008 by 5:00 pm in the SAC. There will be a mandatory meeting for all candidates at this time. Please also email your statement in word format to jkaplan01@bellarmine.edu. Every newly-elected member will be required to be at the SGA meeting on Wednesday, September 17th, 2008 at 9:00 pm and the SGA retreat (Friday, September 26th through Saturday, September 27th, 2008). Contact the following persons with any questions or concerns:

**SGA Chair of Elections, Jensyn Kaplan
SGA Vice President of Public Relations, Sara Crombie**

I understand the requirements for the above position sought as outlined by the duties and qualifications via the Student Government Association Constitution and Bylaws and hereby agree that I, the undersigned, am submitting this document in truth and in its entirety. I further agree that the Director of Student Activities has the right to verify my academic information and give permission for my name and photo id to appear in any ballot or SGA publication. Failure to complete and submit all necessary information by the required date and time is considered a failure to declare official candidacy for Student Government Elections. Submission of untruthful information will result in disqualification.

Signature

Date