



## Associated Student Organization 2015-2016 Candidate Election Petition

Dear Candidate,

Since June 1970, the Associated Student Organization (ASO) of Southwestern College has been representing the interests and needs of Southwestern College students – both on campus and in the community. The Executives and Senators of the ASO are together intricately involved in directing the general administration of affairs on behalf of the student population. Now is the chance for YOU to become involved!

In your hands is the official 2015-2016 ASO election petition. Please fill out ALL of the necessary information about yourself. After that, it's time to reach out to the constituents!

In order for your application to be approved, you must obtain signatures from **at least 75 currently enrolled Southwestern College students**. The names and corresponding I.D. numbers of these students will be verified by college staff – if the information provided is incorrect, you could risk disqualification. ASO Constitution & By-Laws qualifications information is available on the next page.

When you have completed both of these tasks, please return your election petition to the Student Information Window located inside the Student Center of the Chula Vista campus (601-C).

Please be aware of the **deadline dates** listed below:

<b>Monday, March 16, 2015</b>	Election candidate petitions made available at the Chula Vista campus and the Higher Education Centers.
<b>Wednesday, April 14, 2015 at 6:30pm</b>	Last day to submit ASO election candidate petitions and signatures to the Student Information Window, Room 601-C at the Chula Vista campus.
<b>Thursday April 23, 2015 at 11:00am</b>	<u>Mandatory</u> Candidates Meeting in Room 214 at the Chula Vista Campus.

Once you have submitted your application and signatures, you're all set! Be on the "look out" for an email regarding the approval of your election petition plus additional required meetings, deadlines, etc.

Thank you for applying and Happy Elections!

Sincerely,

Kayla McCurdy  
ASO Coordinator of Elections

**In order to be eligible to participate in the ASO Elections process, you must meet the following qualifications as outlined in the ASO Constitution & By-Laws:**

- Currently enrolled in at least nine (9) units. Must carry at least nine (9) units of college coursework throughout their term of office unless fewer are required for graduation or completion of transfer requirement.
- Must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- NOT be on any kind of probationary status, as determined by the College, for either academic or disciplinary reasons.
- NOT exceed any term limits as dictated by the ASO Constitution & By-Laws:  
*No student shall serve as an Executive Officer (President, Executive Vice President, Social Vice President, Vice President for Club Affairs, Vice President for Public Relations, Executive Secretary, or Vice President of Finance) or Senator whether elected, appointed, divisional, in-house, or Center for more than two terms.*
- For Executive positions ONLY (President, Executive Vice President, Social Vice President, Vice President for Club Affairs, Vice President for Public Relations, Executive Secretary, or Vice President of Finance): Either have one semester of previous experience in the ASO or previous experience as an Executive Officer in a campus club/organization with proof of participation.
  - ❖ If a candidate has no ASO experience or the necessary experience within campus club/organization, the candidate must provide a letter of recommendation from a College faculty member and/or advisor demonstrating leadership capability.
- All candidates for ASO President/Student Trustee must be a California resident (required to serve as Student Trustee).