

**Election Rules and Regulations
For Student Governor on the Niagara College Board of Governors**

Eligibility

1. All candidates are required to contact the Chief Returning Officer (CRO), Michelle Goulet at migoulet@niagaracollege.ca, in order to review and discuss the procedures related to campaigning and the election process.
2. A candidate must be currently enrolled in a Niagara College Program of Instruction (either part-time or full-time) AND currently enrolled in a Program of Instruction for the 2026-2027 academic year; OR have proof of application to another Niagara College Program of Instruction for the 2026-2027 academic year.
3. A candidate must have a minimum average of 65% in their program for the semester completed prior to the election.
4. A candidate must be in good standing with Niagara College.
5. A candidate must be available to meet the minimum requirement of hours relative to the position of Student Governor on the Board of Governors.
6. A candidate must be 18 years of age as of May 1st, 2026.
7. A candidate must be bondable.
8. To validate candidate eligibility, the CRO will review candidates' academic standing from the last semester and Niagara College Student Code of Conduct record, if any exists. Nominees may be ineligible based on the CRO's validation.
9. All nomination forms must be submitted online only via www.ncvotes.ca website by **Friday, February 13th at 4:00 pm**. Late nomination forms will NOT be accepted.
10. All candidates must attend the All Candidate's Meeting to review the rules and guidelines of campaigning. If a conflict exists due to your program schedules/classes, you must confirm your absence with the CRO five (5) business days in advance.

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11. Information on candidates for the student representative on the Niagara College Board of Governors will be presented on the NCSAC website. Candidates will provide a short paragraph and photo to the CRO for approval.
12. The campaign period will begin at **8:00 am** on **Monday, March 9th**. Locations of the designated wall displays for candidate's posters will be determined by NCSAC.
13. Campaign materials can be in the form of, but not limited to: social media, posters, t-shirts, buttons, and swag. Candidates understand that any discriminatory or inappropriate materials will result in the CRO deducting demerit points.

Violations

14. Candidates will not destroy or damage any other candidate's materials.
15. Any defamatory language towards other candidates will not be tolerated.
16. Candidate violations must be reported during the election period. Once the election closes, the CRO will not be able to intervene. There must be evidence provided when reporting a candidate for a violation. The CRO will not be able to intervene based on hearsay. Depending on the nature of the violation, the CRO may need to involve the Student Rights and Responsibilities Office at Niagara College and/or Campus Safety.
17. In accordance with NCSAC Election Policy, all Candidates will begin the election with 10 demerit points each. Points will be deducted based on the violation of election rules. If a candidate reaches zero demerit points, they will face disqualification from the Elections. (See NCSAC Election Policy for a list of demerit point deductions).

Appeals

18. Candidates will have five (5) business days to appeal election results. All appeals must be in writing (emails not accepted) and stamped by the NCSAC office front desk on date of receipt.
19. Any decisions made by the CRO may be appealed to the Chair of the Niagara College Board of Governors by submitting a request in writing to the President's Office no later than three (3) days from the date of the CRO's decision. The appeal should include the decision by the CRO being appealed, a description of the situation and the resolution sought by the appellant.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____, confirm that I have read the above rules and regulations governing the elections for the 2026-2027 Student Governor on the Niagara College Board of Governors and agree to abide by the rules and regulations. I also confirm that contravention of these rules can result in sanctions up to and including disqualification from the election.