



General Assembly Representative Election Fall Semester 2020

Important Dates

Election Packets Available: August 10th, 2020

Election Packet and Petitions Due: September 16th, 2020

Candidates Announced: September 21st, 2020

Write-in Candidates Forms Due: September 28th, 2020

Student Voting Starts: October 5th, 2020 @ 7 AM

Student Voting Ends: October 9th, 2020 @ 11:59 PM

Results Posted: October 12th @ 12 PM

Dear Spartans,

My name is Abii-Tah Chungong Bih and I currently serve as your Student Body President. First I deeply appreciate you for considering a run for your college seat in the General Assembly at ASMSU. When I first tried to represent my college in the General Assembly, I was only a few weeks old at MSU and in the US. My desire to empower my peers was uncontrollable but I was steeped in dread. I thought that I was neither smart nor eloquent nor knowledgeable nor connected enough to represent my college. I still remember the colossal amounts of courage that I summoned to take this same step you are about to take. Even though I did not get the seat after my first attempt, my resolve to serve picked me up, dusted my clothes, and pushed me to run again. It was only after my second try that I won a seat as the James Madison representation. That same seat equipped me with the experience, tools, and values that I utilize every day as I lead the Undergraduate Spartan community as the student body president.

Like running for GA, my story is not defined by my failures or successes. It is not a clear cut dichotomy of wins and losses. Instead, this is about the boldness and the strength to stand up for names you will never know and faces you would never meet. This is about rising against concerns that existed before you, and designing solutions that would outlive you. Running for and serving as a GA representative will feel like standing on the shoulders of giants, catching the sun, and sharing it with ten of thousands of students. With that said, your heart is already in the right place for deciding to live a wholesome undergraduate experience as a GA representative at ASMSU.

ASMSU remains one of the most prestigious and influential student governments in the nation. In 2018, we hosted the Association of Big Ten Students' Winter Conference, the collective efforts of the Big 10 student governments. In 2019 we were awarded "Outstanding Student Government" by the Conference on Student Government Associations. Since 1965, we have championed new student services, programs, academic policies, and governmental advocacy. We provide services such as Safe Ride, i-Clicker and Graphing calculator rentals, interest free loans, free printing, blue books and more. Along with this, we provide the MSU Yearbook and the award-winning Red Cedar Log for all students!

This new decade has been one of immense turbulence so far. That is why we need student leaders who will join us in the processes of creating innovative solutions through collaborative partnership. During crises, it takes colossal amounts of bravery to lead with compassion, commitment, collaboration, and creativity. I anticipate that you encapsulate the unique leadership qualities that students need now more than ever. Finally, I applaud your decision to take this important step in becoming involved. I look forward to seeing where your passion for student advocacy leads you. Regardless of the election outcomes, you win if you continue to support student efforts and involvement. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or to learn more about ASMSU as you begin to embark on this experience within our institution's history.

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Student Body President, 2020-2021

Position Description

The Associated Students of Michigan State University General Assembly is the main body which governs the association and makes decisions on the undergraduate student body's behalf. The assembly consists of representatives from each college within the university and the various Council of Racial and Ethnic Students (CORES) and Council of Progressive Students (COPS) groups, all of whom actively represent the interests of students to University committees, Board of Trustees, University administrators, city of East Lansing, State of Michigan, and other pertinent entities on all student and academic related issues.

Special Notice regarding Fall Elections

Due to the unique circumstances brought about by the COVID-19 Pandemic, not all General Assembly seats were filled in our usual spring elections. The seats that are open are listed below, however if there are no seats open in a particular college then students within that college are not eligible to run for the General Assembly. Please consider running in the spring election.

Open Seats for Fall 2020 Elections

College	# of Seats
Agriculture and Natural Resources	1
Arts and Letters	2
Business	2
Communications Arts and Sciences	2
Education	1
Engineering	1
James Madison College	0
Lyman Briggs	2
Music	2
Natural Science	0
Nursing	2
Residential Arts and Humanities	2
Social Science	2
Vet Med	1
No Preference	1

Before Completing your application and declaration of candidacy

1. Before applying for a seat, please confirm with the MSU Registrar's Office or Student Info of your CURRENT college enrollment. You may only run for a seat for which you hold a current MAJOR within.
2. Please note that the ASMSU General Assembly meets every Thursday night. The meeting alternates between committees and a full General Assembly meeting. Accommodations will be made for any student who is not currently on-campus or in the local area.
3. We highly recommend that you review the [ASMSU Constitution and Code of Operations](#) prior to declaring your candidacy. These documents include important information about the organization and your participation. You will be asked to abide by this code during and after your campaign.

Steps to completing your application and declaration of candidacy

1. Once completed, you will be provided an individual link for your petition. As a reminder, you must receive at least 25 signatures from students who are within your college. These signatures will be recorded on a google form. Students must sign-in to this Google Form with their MSU NETID and Password in order to sign the petition.
2. * Please note that the College of Music requires 13 signatures and College of Vet Med requires 11
3. Once finished, please email your completed packet to elections@asmsu.msu.edu

Campaign Rules

Important rules about campaigning can be found on page 58 of our [ASMSU Constitution and Code of Operations](#), which is on the ASMSU website. An important rule is that you can not begin campaigning until you receive confirmation from UEC that you are a confirmed candidate.

Acknowledgement of Terms

I, _____, on this _____ day of _____,
(Name) *(Day)* *(Month)*

2020 do hereby declare my candidacy for the Associated Students of Michigan State University General Assembly for the College of _____.

I swear that, if elected, I will abide by the constitution and all rules and regulations of the Associated Students of Michigan State University and will do my best to carry out the duties of my seat. I declare that the answers and information in this application to be true and complete in accordance with the ASMSU Elections Code and I am a tax-paying member of ASMSU. I understand, if elected, I may lose my seat if I have provided any fraudulent or misleading information on this application.

Candidate Signature

Date



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Please Complete the Following

Name

Preferred Name

NetID

Pronouns

College

Major

MSU Email

Phone Number

2020-2021 Academic Year Class Standing (check one)

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Write a brief bio and campaign statement for the press packet and for ASMSU's Website. Please include your on-campus involvement, why you want to be an ASMSU Representative and what idea/goals you have if you were elected as a representative. Attach or write below, no more than 250 words.