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STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
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# **2014 CANDIDATE APPLICATION**

*for Executive Office and Senate*

**Student Government Association  
Texas A&M University-Commerce  
Sam Rayburn Student Center  
Commerce, TX 75429**

**SGA@cp.tamuc.edu  
903.886.5822**

**Name (Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application must be returned to SGA Office by 5:00pm on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> to be considered for candidacy. No late applications will be accepted.**

Dear Aspiring Student:

I am pleased that you are interested in becoming a Senator or Executive Officer in our Student Government Association. As the President of the Student Body, I can assure you that being a part of the Student Government Association is a very fulfilling obligation. As a Senator or Executive Officer, you will have the ability to express your concerns before a body composed of students like yourself and to represent the voice of the entire Student Body. If you feel that you can serve the prestigious duty, we eagerly anticipate your induction into this organization. If you have any questions, please contact SGA at [sga@cp.tamuc.edu](mailto:sga@cp.tamuc.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monterrio Jones', with a stylized, cursive script.

Monterrio Jones

President

Student Government Association

# Qualifications for Candidates

To qualify for the position of Student Senator, you must be a regularly enrolled student at Texas A&M University-Commerce (an undergraduate must be registered for at least nine hours each long semester during his/her term of office, and a graduate student must be enrolled for at least six hours each long semester during his/her term of office). Each Senator must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater. In addition, prospective senators must attach a slip of good standing from the registrar's office to their application. All applicants, except for incoming freshmen and transfer students, are required to have at least two letters of recommendation. Of the two, one must be from a faculty or staff member and the other may be from a recognized campus organization. All candidates seeking an executive position (President or either Vice President) must have the above requirements and have completed forty-five (45) credit hours, of which fifteen (15) must have been completed at TAMU-C prior to running for office. In addition, they must have served one full term in the Senate, but may be in the process of completing the second semester of the term at TAMU-C.

## Senators are expected to:

- ❖ Promptly and regularly attend Senate meetings held in a designated room in the Student Center at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.
- ❖ Act as a leader, organizer, and representative of the Student Government Association.
- ❖ Adhere to the rules and regulations of the SGA Governing Documents.
- ❖ Act as a liaison between the students, various campus organizations, administration, faculty, and staff.
- ❖ Attend all conferences and meetings that affect the interests of the student body.
- ❖ Fulfill two office hours per week throughout the course of their term.
  - Executive Officers must complete ten office hours per week during their term.

Honesty, integrity, and good character are qualities sought by the Senate. Additionally, proven leadership abilities or at least the desire to make a substantial contribution on behalf of student interests is needed in order for the Senate to fulfill its role as an organization.

The Student Senate is a serious organization designed to meet the needs and protect the rights of Texas A&M University-Commerce students. This responsibility should not be taken lightly. Applicants must be willing to make a total commitment to the interests of students and the success of the Student Government Association.

For more information about SGA positions, election rules, and organizational structure, please visit [www.tamuc.edu/sga](http://www.tamuc.edu/sga) to access all important documents. Please send any questions to [SGA@cp.tamuc.edu](mailto:SGA@cp.tamuc.edu) or call (903) 886-5822.

# Senate Applicant Required Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Sought: ☐ President ☐ VP/Senate Chair ☐ VP/Senate Affairs ☐ Senator

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_\_\_ CWID: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

On an additional sheet of paper, please write a one page personal statement. Examples of topics to include are: past student government experiences, other leadership experiences, goals in life, experiences that you have grown from as a leader/person, what is your vision of your involvement/contribution to SGA. These are just a few examples to get you started.

## Senate Application Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Required<br>Information<br>Form Complete | <input type="checkbox"/> One-Page<br>Personal<br>Statement Letter | <input type="checkbox"/> Slip of Good<br>Standing | <input type="checkbox"/> Two Letters of<br>Reference |
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## Important 2014 Election Dates

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| Deadline to submit Candidate Applications: | February 28 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm |
| SGA Election voting opens:                 | March 19 <sup>th</sup> at 8:00am    |
| SGA Election voting closes:                | March 20 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm    |

## Statement of Authorization

My signature below acknowledges that I have read and understand the qualifications and responsibilities of a Senator and Executive Officer as set forth in the Constitution and governing documents of the Student Government Association.

By signing below, I am also authorizing agents of Texas A&M University-Commerce to release pertinent information (grades, letters, etc.) to the SGA Election Board and Executive Officers for the purpose of verifying the information contained in or with my application and for otherwise determining my eligibility for a position on the Student Senate. Furthermore, I release my personal statement to be read by the entire SGA Senate in the confirmation process.

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Signature

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Date