

Information for candidates in the 2025 WSU election

Nominations open on Monday 1st September and close at 4.00pm on Friday 12th September 2025.

Nominations must be submitted on the official nomination form.

The election will be held from Monday 29th September to Wednesday 1st October 2025, online voting only.

You must be a currently enrolled student to run for President.

You must also be a member of WSU to run for any other position. All students are members of the WSU if they give consent. We can check this for you on your nomination.

Your nominees must all be currently enrolled students.

You and your nominees must all meet any criteria laid out for the position you are standing in, e.g. the location of the campus or membership of a rūpū or Association.

You can stand for more than one position, but you must submit a nomination form for each position you wish to stand in. If you stand for more than one office you must nominate your preference if you are successful in more than one position, i.e. if you win both positions which one will you take.

You must submit a short campaign blurb (150 words max) along with your nomination. You must also come to the WSU office where we will take a good quality photo of you, and possibly some video footage. This material will be used for the official voting platform and for promotional material put out by Nexus and the WSU. If you fail to provide this material to us by the due date your name may just go on the voting form and promotional material with a blank space where the candidate photo or blurb would otherwise be.

You must attend a briefing with the Returning Officer, and attend any organised candidate speeches or other function, or offer a good explanation why you cannot. Failure to do so may be considered a breach of election rules.

Once we have received your nomination, we will be in touch to coordinate all dates and times of these activities.

If you want help with posters or flyers WSU will print up to 50 x A4 pages free of charge for all candidates, after that you can get further printing done at club rates, which is still cheaper than anywhere else.

By signing the nomination form you are agreeing to conduct yourself within the rules of the election as set out by the Returning Officer. You will be supplied with a copy of the rules.

All physical campaign material must be taken down from around campus before the election ends.

If you have any questions or complaints, you may address them to the Returning Officer through the WSU General Manager. Email manager@wsu.org.nz