



Application Guidelines and Campaign Instructions for State Officer Candidates

***Submit completed application and all supporting materials online by
5 p.m. on December 19, 2025***

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Reference Materials

Educators Rising Mississippi State Officer Duties

Duties of Each Office: The offices of the Mississippi Chapter shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter/historian. Newly elected officers shall assume their respective office at the state conference and serve for one year (*until the next state conference*). If eligible, all chapter officers may serve successive terms. The duty of a state officer requires teamwork and dedication. While all state officers share in the work of the Educators Rising Mississippi, each office does have certain obligations, as listed in **Article VI of the Educators Rising Mississippi Constitution**.

The State President shall:

- Preside at all meetings according to rules of parliamentary procedure.
- Lead the State Officer team in developing and executing an Action Plan for a Community Service Project.
- Have a sincere desire to work with all members in meeting their leadership, personal and chapter goals.
- An ability to memorize and recite parts in the official ceremonies.

The State Vice President shall:

- Preside at meetings in the absence of the president.
- Assist the president with developing and executing an Action Plan for a Community Service Project.
- Work closely with the president, state advisor and regional vice-presidents to assess progress toward meeting chapter goals.
- An ability to memorize and recite parts in the official ceremonies.

The State Secretary shall:

- Keep the minutes of all regular and special meetings.
- Handle general correspondence of the state chapter.
- Maintain the state chapter files.
- Obtain signatures for minutes, ensure that the state advisor get a copy of minutes before leaving meeting.
- Have the following documents on hand for each meeting:
- Educators Rising -MS State Secretary's Book (*includes minutes of the previous meeting*)
- Copy of the Action Plan for the Community Service Project of Educators Rising -MS Constitution
- An ability to memorize and recite parts in the official ceremonies.

The State Treasurer shall:

- Present treasurer's report at executive committee meetings.
- Compile a list of activities for which chapters can use to raise funds.
- Report on the financial situation at all state meetings.
- All money will flow through the MDE accounting office.
- An ability to memorize and recite parts in the official ceremonies.

The Reporter/Historian shall:

- Present treasurer's report at executive committee meetings.
- Identify and record activities related to the organization.
- Social Media agent work with other team members to promote the organization.
- An ability to memorize and recite parts in the official ceremonies.

Goals

Campaign rules are established with several goals in mind:

- A. To allow each candidate an opportunity to present its views and talk with voting delegates and fellow members.
- B. To insure an organized and safe campaign for all people, facilities and places involved.

Roles and Responsibilities

The primary responsibility of the State Officer of Mississippi Educators Rising is to be ambassadors for the organization and of the teacher profession. Effective state officers are articulate, self-motivated, outgoing, conscientious Mississippi Educators Rising students with a passion for Mississippi Educators Rising's mission and vision who will promote the organization as essential to the cultivation of tomorrow's great educators. Officers must be comfortable with public speaking and connecting with education stakeholders (students, teachers, administrators, policymakers, etc.) both virtually and in person. (See Duties of the State Officers in the By-laws.)

Each role may contain specific duties unique to it, but all state student officers will:

- Travel several times throughout their term to Mississippi Educators Rising events, including but not limited to:
 - Officer Training Retreat
 - Mississippi Educators Rising Board of Directors Meetings
 - Fall Leadership Conference
 - Mississippi Educators Rising State Conference
 - Educators Rising National Conference (Not required, but encouraged)
 - Help plan the annual Mississippi Educators Rising Conferences
- Participate in regular monthly conference calls with other state student officers (day and time will be determined by the officers after state conference.)
- Perform other duties as assigned as a positive, professional role model
 - The state student officers of Mississippi Educators Rising will accomplish these and other responsibilities with the support of their teacher leaders. The term of office shall be one year, beginning at the Mississippi Educators Rising State Conference at which the student is elected and ending at the following Mississippi Educators Rising State Conference. * See attached chart for dates and financial responsibilities.

How to Apply for Candidacy

What are the requirements to apply?

To apply for candidacy, you must:

School:

- Be a current chapter in good standing with the state and national organizations and attend the current state conference.

Officer Representative

- Be a member in good standing of the Mississippi Educators Rising
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a non-weighted scale
- Be a high school freshman, sophomore, or junior at the time of application
- Must be in good disciplinary standing.
- Ensure applications and all supporting materials are submitted online by the posted date.

How does the application process work?

This application is for a state officer position. This means it is an application to be **a candidate** for one of the five (5) state officer positions: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and reporter. **Schools may submit two applications per chapter.**

Materials Description and Submission Checklist

Below is a complete description of **all materials you must submit ONLINE when applying for a state office**. You may use this as a checklist to make sure you have all materials prepared correctly. The following information must be submitted by the Officer Candidate. **It is preferred that the documents be typed then printed for signatures. Documents should be submitted in the following order.**

- ☐ **Résumé** - This should focus on your work and academic experiences, including your involvement in Mississippi Educators Rising at the local or state level. Your résumé should highlight the skills and accomplishments that make you an exemplary candidate for a state student officer position.
- ☐ **Cover Letter** - This should complement your résumé and introduce you to the Mississippi Educators Rising.
- ☐ **Application Forms**
 - **Application Form**
 - **Statements of Understanding** – included in this document.
 - **Administrator Approval Form** – included in this document.
 - **Mississippi Educators Rising Officer and Teacher Leader Agreement** - included in this document
 - **Social Media Code of Conduct** - included in this document
 - **Photo Consent and Release Agreement** – included in this document.
 - **Transcript Release** – included in this document.
- ☐ **Transcript**
- ☐ **Two Signed Letters of Recommendation**
- ☐ **Candidate Bio** - not to exceed 200 words. The bio should highlight the candidate's Mississippi Educators Rising experiences and any other relevant information that describes why (s)he should be elected as a Mississippi Educators Rising student officer. All candidates' bios will be posted on the Mississippi Educators Rising website/APP.
- ☐ **Candidate Photo** - Will be used for all promotional items including program, slideshow and conference app. **(Candidates should appropriately dressed and NO selfies will be allowed)**
- ☐ **Campaign Slideshow** –(Can use Google Slides or PowerPoint, simply insert the information and upload) To include at least:
 - Pictures (5-10 that represent the candidate)
 - About Me
 - List and describe at least 4 TRAFLES/ or similar activities your chapter does. May include photos.
 - Campaign Video Link
 - Video of Campaign Speech
- ☐ **Campaign Video** - Applicants must provide a professional campaign video not to exceed two minutes with your voting peers as the intended audience. Beyond what is listed below, anything relevant to the credentials or commitment of the officer can be included in the video. The following guidelines should be followed:
 - The video should be filmed in an appropriate and creative setting.
 - Candidates should be dressed professionally. All persons present in the video should be dressed appropriately in accordance with standard school dress-code guidelines.
 - Video should be recorded in landscape orientation and be mindful of the sound quality of the recording.
 - Video must be uploaded to YouTube and link provided when applying. (Privacy can be set to "Only Viewers With the Link")
 - Video should contain:
 - About you and your Mississippi Educators Rising involvement
 - What does Mississippi Educators Rising mean to you? How has Mississippi Educators Rising helped you?
 - What would you like to change/do during your term as a Mississippi Educators Rising Officer?



Application Forms

Candidate Application

NOTE: Submissions are limited to **two (2)** applications per good-standing Educators Rising Mississippi chapter.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Cell _____

School Name _____

School Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Advisor's Name _____ Email _____

Current Grade Classification: ☐ 9th ☐ 10th ☐ 11th

Office Seeking:

___ President, ___ Vice President, ___ Secretary, ___ Treasurer, ___ Reporter/Historian

If you are not elected to sought position, are you willing to serve in another position, if available? Yes ___ No ___

Statements of Understanding

Please read the statements below thoroughly. Next to each statement, write your initials to affirm your understanding.

Initials	Statements of Understanding
	I understand that this is an application for Mississippi Educators Rising State Officer candidacy, and that my candidacy is not guaranteed unless and until I receive confirmation from Mississippi Educators Rising State Leader that all required documents and submissions have been received.
	I understand I will be responsible for conducting an election campaign. I understand that I am responsible for funding this campaign through private donations, use of my Mississippi Educators Rising chapter's treasury, and/or fundraising efforts.
	I understand I must attend the Mississippi Educators Rising State Leadership Conference, where the on-site voting will take place.
	I have read the requirements and job description for state officers, and I agree to abide by them if elected to office at the Mississippi Educators Rising State Leadership Conference.
	I understand that, if elected to office at the Mississippi Educators Rising State Leadership Conference, I may be relieved of said office immediately at any point during my term if I do not conduct myself, collectively and individually, in good faith while maintaining a high level of ethical and professional behavior whether in person or on social media.
	I understand that, if elected to office at the Mississippi Educators Rising State Leadership Conference, I may be relieved of said office during my term if I do not comply with all areas of the Mississippi Educators Rising Officer Code of Conduct. Such situations will be reviewed and decided on a case-by-case basis by Mississippi Educators Rising State Staff.
	I understand that Mississippi Educators Rising state officers are required to travel during their term of office. If elected to office at the Mississippi Educators Rising State Leadership Conference, I agree to cooperate with Mississippi Educators Rising in arranging travel.
	I understand that Mississippi Educators Rising state officers are required to travel during their term of office. If elected to office at the Mississippi Educators Rising State Leadership Conference, I agree to take the necessary steps to ensure that all school absences and missed work due to school absences must be completed in a timely manner.
	I understand that Mississippi Educators Rising state officers are required to submit various assignments, such as newsletter articles, to the Mississippi Educators Rising State Leader. I agree to submit assignments in accordance with all deadlines and guidelines.

I understand and agree to abide by all the above statements.

Applicant Signature

Applicant Name (Please print or type)

Date

I understand and agree to support the applicant in abiding by all the above statements.

Teacher Leader Signature

Teacher Leader Name (Please print or type)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print or type)

Date

Mississippi Educators Rising Officer and Teacher Leader Agreement

Please read carefully and sign at the bottom, signifying your willingness to follow all the rules as stated.

The following Conduct Code must be followed by any person serving as a State Officer for the Mississippi Educators Rising

1. I will accept the authority of my teacher leader and any authorized adult in charge of the Mississippi Educators Rising event.
2. I will attend all required meetings for the **ENTIRE TIME FROM START TO FINISH**.
3. I will always be courteous and respect the rights of others. This will include guest speakers, workshop presenters, other meeting participants.
4. I will adhere to any rules set by the hotel/university property and respect the rights of other guests of the hotel/university.
5. I will not purchase, possess, consume or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs at any time. This includes mock cocktails.
6. I will not purchase or have in my possession any kind of fireworks/firearms at any conference or state affiliated event.
7. I will be appropriately dressed and groomed at all Mississippi Educators Rising events in accordance with the professional Mississippi Educators Rising dress code and the school's dress code policy.
8. I will be in my hotel room with the lights out at the designated time set by the state or my teacher leader (only if the teacher leaders' time is earlier than that set by the state). I will remember that there are other people in the hotel, and I will not leave my hotel room after curfew.
9. I will purchase the correct state officer uniform prior to the Officer Retreat..
10. I will be appropriately dressed and out of my room by the designated time each morning.
11. I will be present at each meal.
12. I will be on time and actively participate in all sessions that I am responsible for attending.
13. I will not have members not assigned to my room in my hotel room **at any time** – unless an adult is present.
14. I will not participate in any PDA (Public Display of Affection).
15. I will be present at the State Officer Training and **ONLY** under pre-approved circumstances may I be allowed not to attend or miss any part of the training/planning.
16. I will assist in organizing and participate in the required officer training.
17. **I understand that my duties as an officer start immediately after the State Conference and are not over until after the conference has been packed up and the Community Service project has been loaded.**
18. I will conduct myself, collectively and individually, in good faith while maintaining a high level of ethical and professional behavior.
19. I will consider myself as a "trustee" to ensure that Mississippi Educators Rising always operates in the best interest of the organization and its members.
20. I will utilize opportunities to increase public awareness of Mississippi Educators Rising.
21. I will use Mississippi Educators Rising resources with scrupulous regard and only for the purpose for which they are intended.
22. I will listen to and respect the opinions of others and support majority decisions.
23. I will not post any pictures/graphics/language/updates to any social media account that may jeopardize the image of Mississippi Educators Rising officers, staff, and organization (*see social media contract below).
24. I understand that any sexual misconduct, regardless of gender, will not be tolerated.

As a State Officer Teacher Leader:

1. I will be present at the Officer Training and ONLY under pre-approved circumstances may I be allowed not to attend or miss any part of the training/planning. Teacher Leader is expected to always remain with students during planning and workshops unless a separate teacher leader activity has been planned by Mississippi Educators Rising.
2. I will attend all meetings with my officer and be present with them at all meetings when a teacher leader is involved. This includes Officer Training Workshop and assisting the officer as needed.
3. I am aware that my officer is required to attend monthly virtual planning meetings, Fall Conference, and the State Conference.
4. I understand that my officer's duties are not over until after the State Conference has been completed, packed and loaded.
5. I will assist my officer in all their duties throughout the year, including over-seeing their Mississippi Educators Rising correspondence and holding them accountable to deadlines.
6. I will utilize opportunities to increase public awareness of Mississippi Educators Rising and keep informed about developments of the organization.
7. Keep administration informed of all meetings and travel, as well as the officer's responsibilities.

Any infraction of these rules will not be tolerated. Should ANY rule be broken, the school and parents will be called, and arrangements will be made to send the officer home immediately. If, for any reason, the officer is sent home early, any additional cost, including total repayment for officer's attendance at the event, must be assumed by the parents/guardians. Mississippi Educators Rising staff will decide upon a consequence that fits the transgression, which could include being placed on probation or removal from office.

_____ Student's Name (print)	_____ Student's Signature	_____ Date
_____ Parent's Name (print)	_____ Parent's Signature	_____ Date
_____ Teacher Leader's Name (print)	_____ Teacher Leader's Signature	_____ Date
_____ Principal's Name (print)	_____ Principal's Signature	_____ Date

Mississippi Educators Rising State Social Media Code of Conduct

Mississippi Educators Rising State officers are representatives of Mississippi Educators Rising and must use social media responsibly and abide by this Social Media Code of Conduct in both their role as an officer and in their personal use. State officers are responsible for monitoring and regulating all content posted to or tagged on their social media accounts. It is recommended that privacy and/ or tagging permission settings be implemented for all personal social media accounts. Students should use all communication, including social media, as a means of positively impacting others and Mississippi Educators Rising, spreading awareness of Mississippi Educators Rising, and promoting unity among Mississippi Educators Rising members.

Mississippi Educators Rising State Officers are expected to set an example for other members and should create and maintain a social media image that is positive, ethical, professional, and kind. Social media should never be used to air your grievances. Be aware that if you post your attendance or participation in an activity that you are endorsing that activity or product.

“Social media” refers to all websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate in social networking, whether it is associated or affiliated with the organization, as well as any other form of electronic communication. These include, but are not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, YouTube, TikTok, LinkedIn, blogs, vlogs, and other online threads.

Below are the guidelines that we would like for you to be aware of in using both your personal as well as your official Mississippi Educators Rising social media sites.

- **Protecting your own privacy**-privacy settings on social media platforms should be set to what you are comfortable with. Be mindful of posting information that you would not want the public to see. What you publish will be around for a long time, so consider the content carefully and be cautious about disclosing personal details.
- **Be honest**-Do not say anything that is dishonest, untrue, or misleading. If you have a vested interest in something you are discussing, point it out. But also, be smart about protecting yourself and your privacy.
- **Respect your audience, Mississippi Educators Rising, and your fellow members**-They reflect a diverse set of customs, values and points of view. Don't say anything contradictory or in conflict with the Mississippi Educators Rising. Don't be afraid to be yourself but do so respectfully.
- **Social Media Tips**- The best way to be interesting, stay out of trouble, and have fun is to write about what you know. Quality matters. Use a spell-checker. If you're not design-oriented, ask someone whether your graphics look decent, take their advice on how to improve it. If in doubt over a post, or if something does not feel right, either let it sit and look at it again before publishing it or ask someone else to look at it first. Remember pictures last forever, think about who, what, and where the picture is being taken.

State Officers will be utilizing the following social media platforms during their term in office, they will be logging into the Mississippi Educators Rising organization accounts with provided usernames and passwords created by Mississippi Educators Rising:

- Instagram
- TikTok
- Youtube

- ☐ I do give _____ permission to utilize the social media sites listed above.
- ☐ I do not _____ permission to utilize the social media sites listed above.

Parent's Name (print)

Parent's Signature

Date

Please review the details of the agreement and sign and date acknowledging you understand the expectations as a State Officer of Mississippi Educators Rising.

I, _____, agree to follow all the guidelines of the Mississippi Educators Rising regarding social media use. I agree to not publish, post, share, like, or release content containing or involving:

- Information that is confidential or not for public consumption.
- An individual's private information (your own or someone else's).
- Commentary, content, or images that are inappropriate, defamatory, proprietary, harassing, libelous, volatile, potentially inflammatory, contain vulgar or inappropriate language, and/or that can or do create a hostile environment.
- Guns, weapons, alcohol, smoking, vaping, violence, protests, sexual content, nudity, and/or any illegal activity that reveals me or anyone else participating in questionable activities.
- Politics, religion, and/or other controversial topics which may alienate individual members or misrepresent the views of Mississippi Educators Rising as a whole.
 - Mississippi Educators Rising State Officers represent an organization of diverse members with various backgrounds and views.
- Fake, false, or misleading information.
- Negative statements about Mississippi Educators Rising or anyone affiliated with Mississippi Educators Rising.

In addition, officers will abide by the following guidelines:

- Embodying the leader's lifestyle in everything – living it and posting it.
- Promoting Mississippi Educators Rising and building excitement for members through my social media pages whenever it is asked of me.
- Always being respectful on social media

Mississippi Educators Rising State Officers:

- Mississippi Educators Rising State Director will have access to all Mississippi Educators Rising social media accounts and will determine what email and phone numbers are to be used for those accounts.
- State officers may not change passwords without written permission from the Mississippi Educators Rising State Director.
- State Officers will confirm the Mississippi Educators Rising State Director has all the correct passwords before leaving their office at the end of term.

If I am found in violation of any of these areas, Mississippi Educators Rising staff will decide upon a consequence that fits the transgression, which could include being placed on probation or removal from office.

_____ Student's Name (print)	_____ Student's Signature	_____ Date
_____ Parent's Name (print)	_____ Parent's Signature	_____ Date
_____ Teacher Leader's Name (print)	_____ Teacher Leader's Signature	_____ Date
_____ Principal's Name (print)	_____ Principal's Signature	_____ Date

Administrator Approval Form

Ask your school administrator to read the statements below thoroughly, and next to each statement, write his/her initials to affirm understanding. You will be asked to upload this completed document when applying online.

I **understand** that _____ (Applicant Name) is applying for consideration as a **candidate** for a state officer position in the Mississippi Educators Rising.

Initials	Statements of Understandings
	I understand that this student will be responsible for conducting an election campaign, which includes a campaign booth at the Mississippi Educators Rising State Leadership Conference. I understand that (s)he is responsible for funding this campaign through private donations, use of the Mississippi Educators Rising chapter's treasury, and/or fundraising efforts.
	I understand that this student must attend the Mississippi Educators Rising State Leadership Conference, where the on-site voting will take place. I agree to allow this student to attend the conference without penalty to his/her attendance record and to allow him/her to make up any work missed due to conference attendance.
	I understand that Mississippi Educators Rising state student officers are required to travel during the term of office. If this student is elected to office at the Mississippi Educators Rising State Leadership Conference, I agree to allow this student to attend Mississippi Educators Rising events and training without penalty to his/her attendance record and to allow him/her to make up any work missed due to said travel both this academic year and next academic year

By signing below, I affirm my understanding of the requirements for the Mississippi State Officer candidates. I agree to support, to the greatest extent possible, this student's efforts to run for office (and serve as a state officer, if elected to the position).

Administrator Signature

Administrator Name (Please print or type)

Administrator's Title

Date

School Name

Transcript Release Form

Student's Name (print)

Student's Signature

Date

Applicants for candidacy as a Mississippi Educators Rising state officer must submit a copy of their most recent school transcript. By signing this form, you consent to release the above-named student's school transcript to the Mississippi Educators Rising.

Parent's Name (print)

Parent's Signature

Date

Photo/Video Release

I, _____ (Applicant Name), hereby give the Mississippi Educators Rising the absolute right and permission to photograph me. I hereby grant to the Mississippi Educators Rising all rights to reproduce and disseminate such photographs and images (as well as those I provide to the organization), in whole or in part, in conjunction with presentations, programs, and publications by the Mississippi Educators Rising.

I further grant the Mississippi Educators Rising all rights to make further reproductions of such pictures through any media for educational purposes, art, entertainment, advertising, and internal use for other lawful purposes. I also grant the Mississippi Educators Rising the right to copyright such pictures and images in its own name or to publish, to market, and to assign without compensation or report to me or my parent(s)/guardian(s).

I also give permission to the Mississippi Educators Rising to post my photo along with my name and school for identification as a leader of the Mississippi Educators Rising on the organization website, programs, newsletters, and social media sites.

I hereby waive the rights or interests that I may have in the pictures or images, including any rights to inspect and/or approve the finished photographs and images or the use of which it may be applied so long as its use shall be lawful.

I expressly release the Mississippi Educators Rising, their agents, employees, licensees, assigns, and volunteers from and against all claims which I have or may have for invasion of privacy, defamation, or any other case of action arising out of the production, distribution, publication, and exhibition of the photographs and images.

Student's Name (print)

Student's Signature

Date



Campaign Information for Candidates

Campaign Guidelines

Campaigning is an important part of the Mississippi Educators Rising elections process. Therefore, candidates are required to participate in several campaign activities. Additionally, to ensure fairness and equality, there are several campaign rules and regulations that all candidates must adhere to. Required activities, rules, and regulations are outlined below.

Requirements for Approved Candidates

If you are selected as a candidate for Mississippi Educators Rising state student office, you are required to participate in several campaign activities, some of which take place at the annual Mississippi Educators Rising State Leadership Conference.

If a candidate misses any of the required campaign events or submission deadlines, (s)he will be removed from the ballot.

Campaign Videos, candidates' bios and photos will be posted in the Mississippi Educators Rising mobile app and will serve as the candidate's online campaign materials. The video will be uploaded to the Mississippi Educators Rising mobile app prior to the State Leadership Conference for preview and will be played at the voting session.

Campaign Booth

- Each candidate will be given booth space at the Mississippi Educators Rising State Leadership Conference which will include one 6' table, 2 chairs, and 2' between candidate booths.
- Candidate's booth location will be determined by a drawing and candidate will be notified of their booth location.
- Candidate schools should use the tabletop to display all campaign materials
- Candidates ***may not*** hold raffles at their campaign booths
- Campaign materials must not violate your school's policies about language, profanity, sexual innuendos, etc. Posters found in violation will be grounds for disqualification of the candidate.
- **No additional campaigning will be allowed after the booths close. (This includes the continuation of distribution of campaign materials and handouts.)**
- If campaign booths are located near competition rooms, all candidates and their campaign teams must be mindful of those students who are competing.
 - Chants and cheers need to be limited to areas at least 20 feet away from competition rooms and must remain in the general conference space.
 - Campaign booths or helpers which are found to be too loud will be given one warning to lower their volume. If a campaign must be asked a second time, they lose privileges to continue their campaign.

Campaign Materials.

Officer candidates should use a catchy slogan for their campaign and think outside the box for their campaign booth. Acceptable materials are:

- Banners may be displayed in your booth area.
- No noisemakers, music instruments, amplifiers, and other excessively loud items may be used or distributed to Mississippi Educators Rising members. No loud sound should detract from other candidate booths. However, soft, appropriate music may be played if part of the campaign.
- Novelty items and candy may be distributed Materials not acceptable are:
 - Confetti-type materials
 - Gummed labels

Distribution

- Handouts and other distributions may be made at the convention site according to the schedule. No

distribution of materials may take place in the general session room at any time.

- No signs, posters, handouts, noisemakers, or promotional materials of any kind will be allowed in the Voting Session. All campaign materials are to be used ONLY during the allotted campaign timeframe.
- Campaign materials may not be posted on walls, in the elevators, in the halls, on finished wood surfaces, on glass, on doors or door handles, on curtains or other fabrics, or hung from light fixtures, air conditioners, air supply ducts, return air grills and diffusers, obstruct exits or exit signs, be plugged into any light fixture or socket, posted outside the conference site, or slipped under doors of hotel rooms.

Clean-up

All campaign materials shall be cleaned up by the close of campaigning. Any campaign materials found not cleaned up could disqualify the candidate from running for office.

Campaign Violations

Any report of suspected campaign rule violations any time during or prior to the campaigning should be made immediately to the Mississippi Educators Rising Program Director. Depending on the severity of the alleged violation, the offending candidate may be asked to correct the infraction or be penalized by the State Staff. This action may be appealed to the Mississippi Educators Rising Executive Board. A candidate's name may be removed from the ballot if the violation is intentional or flagrant. Each candidate should avoid using any questionable materials or procedures that circumvent the intent of campaign rules.

Campaign Finance

- Candidates must fund their campaign materials through their schools chapter, private donation(s), themselves and/or money generated by fundraising efforts.

If you have questions about the Campaign Requirements and Guidelines for Candidates, please contact the Mississippi Educators Rising State Advisor.

Opening Session

Speech

- Speeches should reflect the candidates campaign platform.
- At the Opening Session, each officer candidate shall be allotted two minutes to give their campaign speech. Each officer candidate will be given a silent 30 second warning to complete their speech. At the end of 2 minutes, the student Vice-President shall announce, "Your time has expired."
- Any continuation of presentation beyond five seconds after notification shall result in disqualification.

Elections

The election shall be by secret ballot and shall be held during the voting session. Each chapter shall have two votes.

Obligations of Elected Officers

If elected all officers shall fulfill obligations as outlined in the bylaws.

****Newly Elected Officer Photo****

All new elected state officers and their Teacher Leaders will be required to stay after the conclusion of the State Leadership Conference for a new officer photo for social media. Officers will be required to help break down the conference.

