**Ring Ceremony FAQs**

* **What exactly takes place at the SHSU Ring Ceremony and what is the dress attire?**   
  Ceremonies start at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately until 8:00 p.m. **(check-in starts at 5:00 p.m.).**  Students should dress in business attire.

The ceremony is an opportunity for students to reflect on their academic journey, celebrate their hard work, and embrace the shared commitment to the legacy of honor Sam Houston held dearly, a legacy that continues to define the Bearkat spirit. As students take part in the ceremony, they are reminded that true honor lies not just in personal accomplishment, but in service to others and the community, with the motto “The measure of a life is its service” guiding them beyond their university years.

* **When is the deadline to RSVP for the ceremony?**   
  The deadline for RSVP varies by semester, and is posted on the website prior to each semester’s ceremonies. Ring registration opens when e-mailed and mailed invitations are distributed 4-8 weeks ahead of the ceremonies. RSVP links are provided in these messages as well as located on our main Ring website after opening.
* **Do I get my ring after ordering or do I have to wait until the ring ceremony?**   
  The tradition is that all rings spend the night in Sam Houston’s home on the eve of the ceremonies. If you are unable to attend, you may pick up your ring the Thursday or Friday after the ceremonies. Rings not picked up, will be shipped by Jostens the following week. No action from you is necessary for your ring to be shipped if it is not picked up.
* **How do I know if my information will be accurate in the program?**   
  Jostens provides the official ring order list, so all students who ordered a ring, whether attending the ceremony or not, will be recognized in the program.
* **Why do I need to register before the ceremony and what does that mean?**   
  Registration is needed to reserve your space in the ceremony and ensures you are seated alphabetically. Registering after the deadline will place you out of alphabetical order at the end of the ceremony.
* **What if I have an extenuating circumstance and cannot attend my specified day, according to my last name?**

If you have an extenuating circumstance on date of your specified ceremony please contact Johnathan Marks, [jmarks@shsu.edu](mailto:jmarks@shsu.edu) – explaining your circumstance and your request to switch ceremonies.

* **When does the online registration open each semester?**   
  Online registration typically opens 4-8 weeks in advance of the ceremony. You will receive invitations by mail and email.
* **Online registration asks for my guest count?**   
  This is for event planning purposes only and does not need to be 100% accurate.

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**Do I have to pay for parking?**

* No, the Coliseum Parking Garage (820 Bowers Blvd, Huntsville, TX 77340) is reserved for the SHSU Ring Ceremonies and Parking Lots will be marked for free parking around Johnson Coliseum during these times.

**What if I need Accessible seating accommodations for my guests?**

* If you have a guest attending with handicap accessible needs, such as one in a wheelchair, using a walker or scooter, please be sure to specify this in the SHSU Ring Ceremony RSVP.

**Where is the Accessible Seating and can we sit with them?**

* Accessible seating, for wheelchairs, walkers and scooters, will be located on the Coliseum floor and your guest will be escorted there by SHSU Staff. Unfortunately, due to limited space only those guests requiring this seating will be allowed in this section.

***For those that need additional assistance they are allowed 1 person to accompany them (1 per group). Please note that the additional assistance must be provided by your group not SHSU.***