

Official SHSU Ring - Frequently asked questions:

Will Balfour only come to the University once a year to sale official rings?

No, Balfour comes on campus at least once each semester. (Spring, Summer, & Fall)

Do I have to order my ring through Balfour?

Although Balfour is the sole provider of the official ring, you may order your official ring from Barnes & Noble Bookstore on campus, Bearkat Books, or Campus Corner. You may also order online through the alumni website alumni.shsu.edu.

Can I participate in the Ring Ceremony if I do not order my ring from Balfour & what should I do to be included in the ceremony?

Yes, you must notify Balfour at the time of your order that you wish to participate in the Ring Ceremony as well as notify the Office of Alumni Relations.

How many hours do I have to complete to purchase an Official Ring and participate in the Ring Ceremony?

A minimum of 75 credited hours

I was not able to come to the LSC to order my ring and was wondering if I could still do that?

You may order your ring at any time online at:

- www.balfour.com
- call 1-866-Balfour
- Barnes & Noble or Bearkat Book Stores

If I purchase my ring through another source or already have my ring, can I still attend the Ring ceremony?

Yes, if you already have your ring, you must come by the Alumni Relations Office and let us know you would like to participate. However, you will receive an empty box at the ceremony.

What exactly takes place at the ring ceremony and what is the dress attire?

Registration begins at 4:30 pm. The ceremony begins at 6:30 pm. The ceremony is approximately 1 hour long. Students should be dressed in business attire.

When are the deadlines to RSVP for the ceremony?

The deadline to order your ring and have it shipped to the Office of Alumni Relations in time for the Ring Ceremony is eight (8) weeks prior to the ceremony. In addition, you must also pre-register and verify the correct spelling of your name via the alumni website, alumni.shsu.edu, at least one week prior to the ceremony.

Is the Official Ring Ceremony during the day time or late afternoon?

Registration begins at 4:30 pm and the ceremony begins at 6:30 pm.

If I have 75 hours but am I not in Huntsville, can I order my ring elsewhere?

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- call 1-866-Balfour
- Barnes & Noble, Bearkat Book Store, or Campus Corner

If I am graduating in August is there any way I can just get my ring without going to the ceremony?

You may order your ring at any time online at:

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- call 1-866-Balfour
- Barnes & Noble, Bearkat Book Store, or Campus Corner

If ordering your ring during the Spring Semester, you must complete a Ring Ceremony waiver request form that must be signed and given to the Office of Alumni Relations. The waiver forms can only be picked up in the Office of Alumni Relations.

Do I have to participate in the Ring Ceremony?

No, come by the Office of Alumni Relations and fill out the Ring Ceremony waiver request forms (only necessary when ordering your ring during the Spring Semester).

If I order my ring now, do I get my ring or do I have to wait until the ring ceremony?

If you order during the summer or fall semesters you will receive your ring within 8 to 10 weeks. If you order your ring during the spring semester, you will automatically be included in the Ring Ceremony. You must complete the Ring Ceremony Waiver Request Form in order to opt out of the ceremony and receive your ring early.

How do I know if my information will be accurate in the program?

There will be a link on the alumni website which will require you to RSVP and allow you to verify the accuracy of your information. All students that plan to attend the Ring Ceremony must pre-register and verify their information is correct, as well as provide the correct pronunciation of their name.

Why do I need to register before the ceremony and what does that mean?

Students are required to RSVP to reserve their space at the ceremony 1 week prior to the ceremony.

The day of the event, students are required to check-in approximately 2 hours prior to the start of the ceremony.

What happens if it rains on the day of the Ring Ceremony?

Johnson Coliseum is reserved as the official rain location, should severe weather be in the area.