HUNGARIAN UNIVERSITY OF FINE ARTS
STUDENT UNION (HÖK)

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS
Election of Student Union Assembly Representatives for the 2026/27 academic year

Election notice issued by the HÖK Election Committee on **26 October 2026.**

1. The Student Union (HÖK)

Every student enrolled at the Hungarian University of Fine Arts (the University) with active student status is a member of the Student Union (HÖK). Every member has the right to vote and to stand as a candidate.

The HÖK's sole purpose is to represent students' interests, both within the University and outside it. For work outside the University, it cooperates with the National Union of Students in Hungary (HÖOK).

The HÖK has an Assembly, which is its main decision-making body. The Assembly is made up of elected representatives. Elections give the Assembly's decisions democratic legitimacy. Committees set up by the Assembly and people holding official positions are responsible for carrying out its decisions. Committee members are elected from among the Assembly representatives.

The Assembly's officers are the President, Vice-President and Secretary. To represent students' interests, the Assembly also appoints student representatives to University bodies, such as the Quality Assurance Committee and the Ethics Council, and to the University Senate, the University's main decision-making body.

2. What do Assembly representatives do?

Representatives decide on current tasks through decisions made at Assembly and committee meetings. These tasks respond to students' needs. Each representative decides which tasks they want to take part in and towhat extent.

Examples of tasks include:

- Taking part in the work of the HÖK and University bodies and committees. Representatives may make decisions, agree to proposals, make suggestions and give opinions.
- Organising events, such as the first-year student camp, end-of-year events, a stand at the Valley of Arts festival, the student art fair, student round-table discussions and talks.
- Communicating with students: organising forums; designing and sharing posters, leaflets and social media posts; and making videos and films.
- Writing and assessing applications for grants and scholarships, such as the regular social scholarship, the Ignác Kokas Art Scholarship and the Public Life Scholarship.

3. Compensation/gain

By representing and standing up for other students, representatives can develop their sense of civic responsibility and experience democracy in practice. They learn how institutions work and gain a better understanding of the legal system. The role can also provide useful professional experience.

Representatives can build a wide network of professional contacts and take part in events such as HÖOK leadership training and other conferences.

- Representatives may receive financial support by applying for the Public Life Scholarship.
- Being a representative may be an advantage when applying for the Erasmus programme.

4. Election process for the 2026/27 academic year

Stage 1: Applying to become a candidate

Application period: **3 November 2026 to 18:00 on 9 November 2026.**

Any University student with active student status may apply, provided they are not subject to a disciplinary penalty or a ban from public affairs.

To apply, candidates must:

- Submit the official application form, including their name, degree programme, year of study and Neptun code.
- Declare that no condition applies that would prevent them from standing as a candidate.
- Collect supporting signatures from at least 10% of the students studying in their own department.
- Provide their mobile phone number and email address on a separate sheet. The Election Committee may use these details only for election-related communication.
- Attach a motivation letter of no more than one A4 page and agree to its publication.
- Ensure that the motivation letter does not contain incitement or comments that are party-political, religious, ethnic or offensive to public morals.

The application form can be obtained from the Student Administration Office (TO) during its office hours. Applications must include the completed form with the required supporting signatures and the motivation letter.

Submit the documents in one of the following ways:

- At the HÖK office;
- In the letterbox outside the HÖK office; or
- At the Student Administration Office (TO) during its office hours.

The HÖK office is in Room 6 on the ground floor of the University's main building, at Andrássy út 69–71. The door opens onto Dávid tér; when facing the entrance, it is on the right.

Applications submitted after the deadline will be rejected. The Election Committee checks whether applications meet the formal and content requirements. If an application is rejected, the Committee will give the candidate written reasons and notify them. Candidates may correct and resubmit a rejected application before the application period ends. No corrections or resubmissions are allowed after the deadline.

If fewer than eight valid candidates apply, the first round of the election is invalid and a new election must be announced.

The Election Committee checks the applications, prepares the ballot papers, publishes the candidates' motivation letters and announces the list of candidates. The list and motivation letters will be published at **20:00 on 9 November 2026.**

Stage 2: Voting
Voting period: **16 November 2026 to 18:00 on 20 November 2026.**

All University students with active student status may vote, provided they are not subject to a disciplinary penalty or a ban from public affairs.

Voting is secret and open to all eligible voters. Votes may be cast at the locations and times announced by the Election Committee. Voters must show their student card or another photo ID. They then sign the electoral register and receive a ballot paper validated with the HÖK stamp.

Candidates are listed on the ballot paper by department and, within each department, in alphabetical order. Their year of study is also shown.

You may vote for candidates from any department, but you may choose no more than two candidates from each department. Mark your chosen candidates by placing an X in the box next to each name.

A vote is invalid if it is not cast according to the HÖK's rules, if the ballot paper has been altered by hand, if more candidates are selected than allowed, or if the voter does not return the ballot paper they received.

The Election Committee and the HÖK Communications Committee must inform voters where and when ballot boxes will be available and when a mobile ballot box will be used. Voters have the right to read candidates' motivation letters before voting.

5. Announcement of results
The election results will be published at **18:00 on 24 November 2026.**

The election is valid only if at least 25% of students in full-time daytime programmes take part. If the election is invalid, a new election must be announced.

Candidates who receive the most votes will win seats in the Assembly, subject to the Assembly's maximum size.

If two or more candidates receive the same number of votes and the tie affects who wins a seat, a new vote must be held between them. This is not necessary if one candidate gives up their place in favour of another in a written statement submitted to the Election Committee.

The Election Committee will prepare official minutes of the vote count. These will record the number of voters, the number of valid and invalid votes, the result for each candidate and any unusual events.

6. Complaints about the election

Any eligible voter or the Election Committee may submit a complaint about a breach of election rules within three working days of the publication of the results. For results published on 24 November 2026, the deadline for complaints is **27 November 2026.**

Complaints and comments about the election must be sent in writing, with reasons, to the Chair of the Election Committee:

- Fábry Menta — fabry.menta@stud.mke.hu

If a complaint is accepted, the Election Committee may, depending on the seriousness of the breach:

- Change the results if the votes were counted incorrectly; or
- Declare the election invalid.

An appeal against the Election Committee's decision may be made to the Chancellor.

7. Inaugural meeting

After the election closes, **on 30 November 2026**, the Election Committee or the HÖK President must send out an invitation to the inaugural meeting based on the election results. The invitation must also be published publicly for the University community.

The inaugural meeting is open to the public. It must take place no earlier than eight days after the invitation is published.

8. Personal data and the Election Committee

Personal data will be processed in accordance with the GDPR and the University's data protection policy.

Election Committee members: Duka-Zsólyomi Flóra, Fábry Menta and Polgár Panna.

Substitute member: Nalin Romesilpsupa.

Appendices

1. Appendix 1: Appendix 1 to the MKE HÖK Constitution — Election of members of the HÖK Assembly.
2. Appendix 2: Visual guide to the election of members of the MKE HÖK Assembly.

Dated: Budapest, 26 October 2026

Fábry Menta
Chair of the Election Committee

Mursits Anna
President and Secretary of the MKE HÖK