

Ethnic Sash, Outline & Criteria

A. Sash Representation

Sash representation must reflect the student's inherited ancestry, which is **reflective of the student's ethnic heritage**.

Sashes **DO NOT** reflect nationality: Nationality is defined as the status of belonging to a nation.

For example, if a student of Mexican descent requests colors, additives (see below), fabric or design resembling the Mexican flag as a sash:

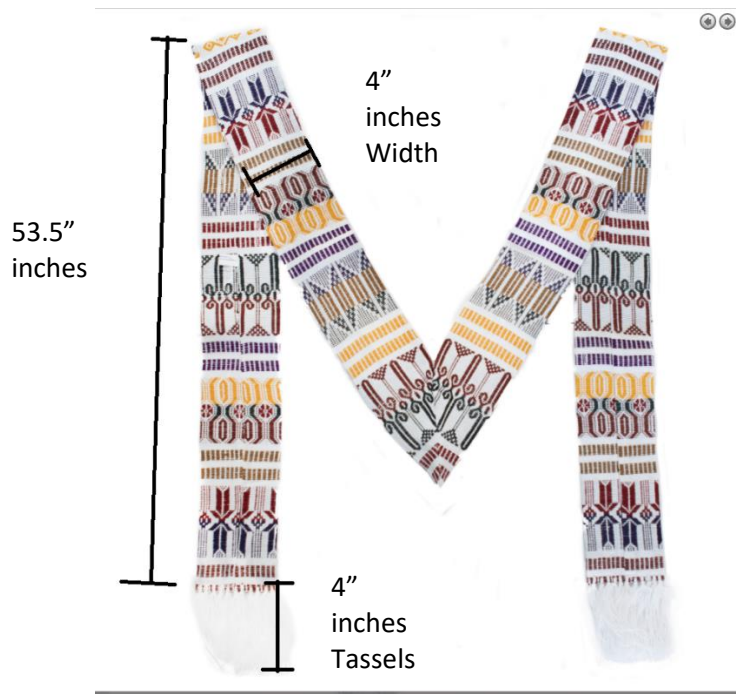
- The request will be denied.
- This is **NOT** representative of ethnic heritage.
- Flags of **ANY** nation are not representative of ethnicity.

This student can find resources below on obtaining university approved ethnic sashes that are representative of their ethnic heritage.

B. Sash Criteria & Expectations

Sash Criteria:

- Length: Maximum length to fall over each shoulder is: 53.5"
- Total Length of Sash should reach a maximum of 107" L
- Width: Maximum 4"
- Tassels Maximum 4"
- All Sashes are to be **fabric only**
 - No Additives which include
 - Flashy accessories (i.e. glitter, rhinestones, bangles, buttons etc.)
 - Embroidery (i.e. no lettering, numbers, or insignia)
 - No flags of ANY nationality
 - No pins
 - No Fresno Pacific colors or symbols



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Expectations

- All Sashes must meet the above listed criteriaⁱ
- Students will purchase/create their own sashes
- Fresno Pacific University does not sell sashes
- All sashes must be preapproved prior to commencement
- Preapproval of sashes is required by the Director of Diversity & Inclusion 3-weeks prior to commencement. However, any special circumstances will require approval of the University Diversity Committee

Resources

- Ordering Options
 - Options for Hispanic/Latino, Native American, and African American (Kente):
 - Hispanic: (Click on hyperlink for access to the website)
 - [Plain Serape Stole](#)
 - [Guatemala City made stoles](#)
 - Purple
 - Earth
 - Red
 - Green
 - [Native American](#)
 - [African/African-American \(Kente\)](#)

Questions or Concerns

- Please contact the Director of Diversity & Inclusion, Breanne Wyse at Breanne.Wyse@fresno.edu or (559) 453-3608.

ⁱ If sashes do not meet this criterion the Student will be asked to remove their sash before the ceremony. If the student refuses to remove their sash they will be removed from the commencement ceremony.