

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the rules and procedures governing the distribution of financial funding to Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and Sponsored Student Organizations (SSOs).

The University of Kentucky Administrative Regulation for Student Organizations and Housing and Dining Services, along with accompanying Office for Student Success policies, govern the registration, recognition and privileges of student organizations and include the definitions of Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and Sponsored Student Organizations (SSOs). University of Kentucky funding shall not be distributed directly to an RSO from colleges, departments, offices, or SSOs except for the University of Kentucky Student Government Association. Other than UKSGA and approved Greek Life Fees for Fraternity and Sorority Life Sponsored Student Organizations there are no exceptions unless otherwise authorized in writing by both the Office for Student Success and Office of Legal Counsel.

In some cases, University of Kentucky funding is provided to an SSO from colleges, departments or offices. If University of Kentucky funding is provided to an SSO, financial oversight and management must also be provided by the sponsoring college, department or office to ensure compliance with all university policies as well as all local, state and federal laws.

Funding opportunities for RSOs and SSOs are available through the University of Kentucky Student Government Association (UKSGA) mandatory fees, distributed through its viewpoint neutral process. Colleges, departments, and offices shall not provide funding to UKSGA for the purposes of RSO or SSO funding.

General Provisions

The University of Kentucky does not oversee, manage or provide financial guidance to an RSO. An RSO cannot use University of Kentucky financial banking (UK-specific accounts) and does not have access to the University of Kentucky's nonprofit status or tax ID number. The choice of a banking institution is at the discretion of an RSO. Note that "UK" or "University of Kentucky" may not be in the RSO account name without written permission from the University Treasurer's office.

The University of Kentucky may provide oversight, management and financial guidance to an SSO. In rare cases, an SSO may seek approval to use University of Kentucky specific accounts and access to the University of Kentucky's nonprofit status or tax ID number.

Funding Restrictions

- RSOs
 - University of Kentucky colleges, departments, offices or SSOs (excluding UKSGA) cannot provide funding to an RSO.

- If a college, department, or office provides support that is not financial to an RSO, both the unit and the RSO must comply with all university policies and guidelines, including the Dean of Students Student Organization Events Policy as well as all applicable local, state and federal laws.
- Continued collaboration or partnership between a college, department or office and an RSO will be evaluated to determine if Sponsored Student Organization status is appropriate.
- SSOs
 - In some cases, University of Kentucky funding is provided to an SSO from colleges, departments, or offices. If University of Kentucky funding is provided to an SSO, financial oversight and management must also be provided by the sponsoring college, department or office to ensure compliance with all University of Kentucky policies as well as all applicable local, state, and federal laws.
 - If a college, department or office provides support that is not financial to an SSO, both the unit and the SSO must comply with all University of Kentucky policies as well as all applicable local, state, and federal laws.

Donations, Grants, and Gifts

- Donations, grants, gifts or funding to an RSO must be received to an RSO account that is not managed, owned or collected by the University of Kentucky.
- In the event donations, grants, gifts, or funding is collected by the University of Kentucky that is specified for use by an SSO, those funds would be received and managed by the University of Kentucky based on applicable agreements and all University of Kentucky policies and guidelines as well as applicable local, state, and federal laws.

Fundraising by Student Organizations

- An RSO may fundraise independently from the University of Kentucky. Money raised must be deposited to an external banking account that is not managed by the University of Kentucky.
- An SSO may fundraise in accordance with University of Kentucky policies. Money raised with expectation of tax deduction receipt from the University of Kentucky must be deposited to an internal University of Kentucky account that is managed by the sponsoring department or office in conjunction with Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement and donor restrictions.

Eligibility for Funding

- An RSO or SSO may seek funding through the University of Kentucky Student Government Association (UKSGA), if registered in accordance with the University of Kentucky Administrative Regulation for Student Organizations and Housing and Dining Services, along with accompanying Office for Student Success policies governing the registration, recognition, and privileges of student organizations.

Registered and Sponsored Student Organization Fundraising

An RSO or SSO is permitted to use University of Kentucky facilities for fundraising when the specific use of the funds is non-commercial in purpose, not for group members' personal gain, and when regulations governing the facilities requested allow for the charging of admission or other collection of money.

An RSO or SSO must follow the University of Kentucky Campus Sales and Solicitation policies and procedures, as well as the Student Organization Registration Policy. General guidelines include:

- Approval is contingent upon generated money being given to a non-profit or educational organization or foundation. Therefore, funds generated must be given to a charity or credited to the organization's treasury.
- Solicitations for subscriptions, sales of merchandise of any kind whatsoever, publications or services upon University of Kentucky property other than by the regularly authorized stores, food service places, departments or divisions of the University of Kentucky are prohibited except upon written permission from the Office of University Events. Any person violating these provisions shall be subject, upon proper notice, to eviction from the University of Kentucky property.
- Students and University of Kentucky employees who participate in the activity may not be personally compensated for their work.
- When soliciting donations, grants or other funds, an RSO must not imply or explicitly claim a false affiliation with the University of Kentucky. Therefore, RSOs are required to clearly inform potential donors that contributions are not tax-deductible through the University of Kentucky.

University of Kentucky Student Government Association (UKSGA) Funding

- An RSO or SSO may apply for UKSGA funding opportunities yearly. Application information may be found on their website (www.uksga.org). Funding may only be made in the form of reimbursement.
- All funding requests submitted by an RSO or SSO to UKSGA shall be considered in accordance with viewpoint neutrality.
- UKSGA defines items that may not be provided to student organizations within their governing codes found on their website (www.uksga.org).
- Colleges, departments, and offices may not provide funding to UKSGA for the purposes of RSO or SSO funding.

University of Kentucky Fraternity and Sorority Life Funding

- The four governing Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) Councils -- Interfraternity Council (IFC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), Panhellenic Council (PC) and United Greek Council (UGC) -- maintain federally recognized Title IX exemptions as social fraternity and sorority councils governing single-sex registered student organizations (RSOs). Because of the

nature of their activities, their inter/national organizational structures, and the management of physical facilities within Greek Park, both FSL Councils (SSOs) and FSL chapters (RSOs) operate differently from other registered and sponsored student organizations and require distinct financial and administrative processes.

- The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) holds sole authority for the assessment, management and distribution of Greek Life Fees and individual FSL Council Fees, in alignment with University of Kentucky financial, audit, and procurement policies.
- FSL Councils, as Sponsored Student Organizations (SSOs), may collaborate with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life on priorities, needs and programming; however, all decisions related to the use, distribution and administration of fee-based funds must be approved and managed by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
- Greek Life Fees and FSL Council Fees are approved exceptions to the prohibition on University of Kentucky units directly funding registered student organizations. While individual FSL chapters (RSOs) may not receive University of Kentucky funding, FSL Councils (SSOs) may use fee-based resources to support chapter development, recruitment, training, community-wide programs, shared operational needs, and other approved initiatives, provided all expenditures are made in a viewpoint-neutral manner and open to their community in accordance with university policies and applicable law.
- Individual social fraternities and sororities are Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and remain subject to all RSO financial restrictions as outlined in this policy, including maintaining independent external financial accounts and not receiving University of Kentucky funding directly. Chapters receive support, training and community-wide programming through their respective FSL Councils and the fee structures administered by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, rather than through direct university funding.
- Due to their Title IX exemptions, inter/national housing obligations, and University of Kentucky management of Greek Park, FSL Councils and chapters may, when appropriate, work with the University of Kentucky to establish endowments, donor agreements, facility agreements, leases, or other formal arrangements that support leadership development, safety, housing, educational programming, or the long-term sustainability of the fraternity and sorority community when approved by the Office for Student Success, Office of Legal Counsel and Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement. Any such funds routed through the University of Kentucky must be managed in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws, University of Kentucky policies, Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement protocols, and applicable donor restrictions.