



Start a New Organization

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Thank you for your interest in becoming a student organization at Auburn University! Numerous organizations with a variety of interests and goals are available for students at Auburn and your organization can add to this exciting mix of opportunities for student membership.

Provisional Status

An organization is given a maximum of one year of Provisional status before they must apply for permanent status to become an officially recognized AU student organization. During the Provisional period, the organization must complete the following in order to apply for Permanent status:

1. Submit materials and be approved through the organizations board. You can apply for provisional status [here](#).
2. Once approved for provisional status, the organization must attend New Organization Training
3. Must attend [3 Involvement Workshop opportunities](#) hosted by the Office of Student Involvement and the Involvement Ambassadors
4. Must have President, VP and Treasurer if collecting dues
5. Must have 10 members
6. Must have full-time faculty/staff advisor
7. Must apply for permanent status within a year of becoming provisional using the [Permanent Status Request Form](#).

If the above requirements aren't completed within a year of becoming provisional the organization will be placed on a probationary status until the requirements are fulfilled.

Organizations on Provisional status are eligible for all benefits with the exception of the ability to apply for Organizations Fund monies and the use of Auburn University marks/logos. Only Permanent organizations are eligible to apply and use the Auburn University marks/logos. An organization remains active as long as they meet the annual requirements to remain a recognized AU student organization.

Organization Type

Student Organizations are now classified in 5 categories:

- Registered Student Organizations;
- Sponsored Student Organizations
- Competitive Clubs;
- Club Sports; and
- Fraternities and Sororities.

These categories are defined in the [Student Organization Policy](#). Please refer to that policy to understand the definition of each policy. Only Registered Student Organizations, Sponsored Student Organizations and Competitive Clubs complete the annual re-registration process through Student Involvement.

Organization Name

All Student Organizations should include the word “club” or similar identifier in the name of the organization. Identifiers include but are not limited to: Club, Society, Association, Sorority, Fraternity, Council, Institute, Group, Committee, Students, Students For..., Campus Ministry, Ambassadors, Recruiters, Fellowships, Community, Greek Letters, and/or Chapter.

Registered Student Organizations may include the words “at Auburn University” along with or as part of their organization’s name. Acceptable alternatives include “at Auburn” or “at AU.” This designation may not appear larger than the rest of the Registered Student Organization name. (Example- The Society of Student Organizations at Auburn University is allowable; Auburn University Society of Student Organizations is NOT.)

Sponsored Student Organizations, Club Sports and Competitive Club names may include “Auburn,” “AU,” or “Auburn University.”

Organization Logo

Registered Student Organizations may create their own graphic logo that includes “at Auburn University”, “at AU”, or “at Auburn” but may not incorporate any additional Auburn trademark or references into the logo. The

organization name must be included with this graphic. The text “at Auburn University”, “at AU” or “at Auburn” may not appear larger than the organization name. For further details visit <http://licensing.auburn.edu/rso/>

Student Organizations will be required to complete the [Student Organization Logo Approval Form](#) (outside of re-registration) before they may print their organization logo on any design or apparel.

Sponsored Student Organization Verification Form

Sponsored Student Organizations are organizations formed to advance an interest that is closely related to a University school/college or department and to contribute to the mission of the University. Sponsored Student Organizations must be sponsored by a University school/college or department, and a University dean or vice president must complete a verification form confirming that affiliation. Although governed by students, Sponsored Student Organizations typically are subject to significantly more University oversight and management than other student organizations. Sponsored Student Organizations may be funded in whole, or part, by an administrative department or academic unit, but may also be eligible for funding from the Organizations Fund or SGA Budget & Finance process. More info may be found in the Student Organization Policy.

If you feel that your organization meets the Sponsored Organization definition, please be prepared to submit the [Sponsored Verification Form](#) to Student Involvement.

Constitution & Bylaws

All Student Organizations must maintain a current copy of your organization’s Constitution & Bylaws on AUinvolve.

Constitutions must include the following non-discrimination statement verbatim in section I of Membership Article III. “Membership is restricted to regularly enrolled Auburn University students, faculty, and staff. Non-enrolled students, spouses, faculty, and staff may be associate members; however, they may not vote or hold office. No university student may be denied membership on the

basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, color, age, disability, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or veteran status as outlined in the Auburn University Policy Regarding Prohibited Harassment of Students.”

Need Help Starting a New Organization?

Students wishing to start a new organization and would like to ask questions, brainstorm, or speak with someone may e-mail involve@auburn.edu to set up an appointment with an Involvement Ambassador or one of our staff members! Appointments are strongly encouraged!