

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Lake-Sumter State College students have access to a wide range of clubs and organizations that offer unique opportunities to engage outside the classroom. These groups range from academic and career-focused organizations to intramural sports and clubs, allowing students to connect with peers, build leadership skills, and enhance their college experience. For more information on our clubs and organizations, visit our Student Life page (<https://www.lssc.edu/future-students/student-life/>).

Clubs Defined:

A *club* at LSSC is a student-led group centered around a shared interest or hobby, offering opportunities for recreational or social engagement. Clubs are typically informal in structure and focus on activities such as arts, sports, or special interests. Membership is generally open to all students, and clubs foster community and personal connections through regular meetings, events, and campus involvement.

Organizations Defined:

An *organization* at LSSC is a student-led group focused on a specific cause, profession, or community service, often requiring a more formal structure and leadership. These organizations typically have defined roles such as president, treasurer, and secretary, and engage in activities that promote advocacy, leadership development, and social impact. They may organize events, campaigns, and initiatives that address issues or foster professional growth, contributing to both the campus community and beyond. Membership may require an application or certain qualifications.

Chartering a Student Organization

To charter or re-charter a student organization or club, please complete the New Student Club/Organization Request form (<https://lsc-workflow2.elluciancloud.com/requests/36961>).

Charter Review Process

1. All charter/re-charter forms must be submitted to the Office of Student Leadership and Development for review.
2. The Office of Student Leadership and Development will distribute a copy of the charter/re-charter to the Student Government Association for review and approval.
3. If the request is approved, it will be forwarded to the Director of Student Leadership and Development for review.
4. Upon approval by the Director of Student Leadership and Development, a charter authorizing the existence of the club/organization will be issued to the student body and the College.
5. The Vice President of Enrollment and Student Affairs will advise the President's Cabinet of the existence of the club/organization.

The club/organization has the right to appeal if the request is denied. All charters will be kept in the club's permanent file in the Office of Student Leadership and Development.

Appeals Process

1. The appeal will be made in writing to the Vice President of Enrollment and Student Affairs, delineating the reason(s) for the appeal. A copy of the appeal must also be submitted to the Office of Student Leadership and Development.
2. The Vice President of Enrollment and Student Affairs will recommend a course of action to the Office of Student Leadership and

Development. The Office of Student Leadership and Development will inform the club/organization of the Vice President of Enrollment and Student Affairs' decision.

3. The decision of the Vice President of Enrollment and Student Affairs is final (PRO 4-14 - LSSC Administrative Procedures (https://www.lssc.edu/wp-content/uploads/PRO_4-14.pdf)).

Guidelines for Active Clubs

To remain active, clubs and organizations must have an LSSC staff or faculty member as an advisor and maintain a membership of at least seven students. An Active Club/Organization Information Sheet must be completed and submitted annually to the Office of Student Leadership and Development.

Guideline for Inactive Clubs

Clubs/Organizations will be considered inactive if their membership falls below seven active members or if the group disbands. Failure to submit an annual Club/Organization Information Sheet may also result in the group being deemed inactive. Clubs/organizations inactive for less than 2 years must complete a Student Club/Organization Request to Charter/Re-charter to be deemed active. If the club/organization remains inactive for 2 years or more, the group will be required to complete the entire charter process again to be considered active.

Student Involvement in Clubs and Organizations

Any currently enrolled LSSC student can participate in student clubs and organizations. There will be no discrimination in accordance with the College's non-discrimination policies. Students are eligible to hold office or represent a club or organization on off-campus trips only if they are in good academic and conduct standing, have a cumulative grade point average of a 2.0 or above, and are currently enrolled and maintain a minimum of six (6) credit hours. Dual Enrollment students are ineligible to hold club or organization office but can serve in a representative capacity to address the needs and interests of dual enrollment students. Students under academic or disciplinary review may not hold office or serve as a representative for a club.

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Grant Opportunity

Clubs/Organizations are eligible to apply for a mini grant to support events, activities, or service-learning projects. Awards of Grants are subject to review and approval of the Student Government Association Collegewide Executive Board. To be considered for a Grant, club/organization leaders must submit a Funding Request Form (<https://lsc-workflow2.elluciancloud.com/tasks/336763/edit>).

Fundraising Activities for Organizations and Clubs

All fundraisers, drawings, and raffles must be approved by the Office of Student Leadership and Development, along with the Foundation. An Event/Project Request Form (<https://lsc-workflow2.elluciancloud.com/tasks/566468/edit>) must be completed at least fourteen (14) days prior to the project. Gambling by individuals or groups on College property is prohibited. Per Florida statute, games of chance, such as raffles, may be conducted provided such a sale is a donation and has prior approval in writing by the President or their designee pursuant to LSSC Board Rule 2.09 (https://www.lssc.edu/wp-content/uploads/BR_2-09.pdf).

Use of College Facilities

The Office of Student Leadership and Development assists LSSC clubs and organizations with facility requests.

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