

# Student Organization Handbook 2023-2024

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# **General Policies on Student Organizations**

- A. No student organization may carry on any activity on the campus of MTSU unless the organization has been officially registered with MTSU.
- B. MTSU is not responsible for injuries or damages to persons or property resulting from the activities of student organizations, or for any debts or liabilities incurred by such organizations.
- C. Hazing is a violation of Policy 540, Student Conduct.

# **Privileges of Registered Student Organizations**

- Recognition from MTSU, allowing organizations to participate in events such as the Student Organization Fair, Connection Point, CUSTOMS, etc.
- Use of Middle Tennessee State University or MTSU AFTER the organization's name and materials.
- Ability to apply for Student Activity Fee funding.
- Permission to reserve space, hold events, meetings, and other activities on campus.
- Listing in university publications.

# **Conditions of Registration and Renewal Process**

- **Registration:** Registration of a student organization (for other than a temporary period) will be on an annual basis only, effective until the beginning of the next fall semester, and shall be subject to annual renewal by MTSU for each ensuing year.
- **Criteria:** Annual renewal of registration of an organization shall be dependent upon the organization's demonstration of compliance with the following:
  - It must adhere to the purposes, aims, and activities as stated in the approved constitution and bylaws;
  - o It must continue to meet all of the requirements for initial registration;
  - It must have remained in compliance with all policies, standards, rules and procedures of MTSU and all federal and state laws;
  - It must submit all changes in the constitution and bylaws to MTSU for approval;
  - o It must maintain a current list of officers and advisors on file with MTSU;
  - It must have completed all required steps in the renewal process including the
     Organization Information Report and Statement of Assurance
  - All debts with the University must be paid in full unless the University has approved a payment plan.
  - The president or an officer of the organization must attend either: (a) a retreat,
     Presidium, in the fall of each year; or (b) the Orientation for Student
     Organizations at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters.

#### **Re-Registration Steps**

At the start of each fall semester, every student organization must complete the re-registration process. This four-step process is outline below.

- **MyMT Form**: This is where you will provide us with your current list of officers, your most recent constitution, and more. To access this form, follow the steps below.
  - o Log into MyMT (www.mtsu.edu/mymt) using your Pipeline credentials.
  - Click on the "Organizations" tab.
  - o Select the "Register an Organization" button on the left menu.
  - Find your organization's name and select "Re-Register."
  - Submit information for your members, officers, and current roster.
  - Upload your most recent constitution. Before submitting, please look at the sample constitution on our website (<u>www.mtsu.edu/sos</u>) to ensure the document contains all required clauses.
  - When completing the MyMT form, each registered student organization will submit an Organization Information and Statement of Assurance Report. This report will include a statement of assurance that, consistent with Policy 25 Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Nondiscrimination, the organization must include nondiscriminatory membership policy. Social fraternities and sororities may have sex restricted membership. T.C.A. § 49-7-156(b) provides that religious student organizations may determine that the organization's religious mission requires that only persons professing the faith of the group and comporting themselves in conformity with it qualify to serve as members or leaders. In addition, the report will include the following guidelines for the responsible use of alcohol at off-campus functions.
    - 1. Alternative nonalcoholic beverages are served and are made as available and at least as accessible as alcoholic beverages and in sufficient quantities to provide students with an opportunity to choose to consume nonalcoholic beverages.
    - 2. Alcoholic beverages will not be available on self-serve basis; that is, students attending a function do not have open and unlimited access to alcoholic beverages.
    - 3. Food items are made available in sufficient quantities and are served at the same location as alcoholic and alternative beverages.
    - 4. Reasonable efforts are made to enforce the legal drinking age.
    - 5. Drinking games and contests involving alcoholic beverages are not encouraged nor condoned.
    - 6. Persons who appear to be intoxicated are not to be served alcoholic beverages.
  - The Information and Statement of Assurance Report must be filed no later than
    the date designated and advertised by the director of Student Organizations and
    Service. Registration of the organization will be withdrawn if this report is not
    filed by the designated date. Officers are also expected to file corrected reports

- as necessary or appropriate. Specifically, a new report must be filed when there is a change in the current organization's president or advisor. Failure to file a new report will result in the organization's placement on inactive status.
- Once the form is submitted, our office will review it. If any edits are needed, the
  person who submitted the form will get an email notifying them that the form
  has been denied. The email will explain what should be edited, and the person
  who submitted the form will be able to edit their original submission and
  resubmit.
- Advisor Agreement: This is a short form that must be filled out by the organization's faculty advisor. It can be found by following the steps below.
  - Go to www.mtsu.edu/MyMT
  - Log-in with your Pipeline credentials.
  - o Click the "Forms" button from the left menu.
  - Click on the form titled "Advisor Agreement."
- **Finance Report**: The finance report requests financial information from the previous academic year. It is important that student organizations keep sound records of all dues collected, fundraisers, and bank account balances. In addition to the annual finance report required for re-registration, all student organizations must be prepared to submit a financial statement and/or reports concerning programs and activities upon request of the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs. The University reserves the right to place on probation or withdraw its approval from organizations who operate outside the bounds of sound financial procedure or show other evidence of financial irresponsibility. The University assumes no responsibility for indebtedness incurred by student organizations. To access the finance report, follow the steps below.
  - o Go to our website, www.mtsu.edu/sos.
  - Click the "Student Organizations" button.
  - o Click the "Policies & Forms" button.
  - Scroll to the "Finance Report" link.
  - The report must be filled out by either the President or Treasurer, it cannot be completed by the faculty advisor. Once it is completed and signed, it will automatically be sent to the President, Treasurer, and faculty advisor for their signatures.
- Orientation Attendance: All organizations must attend Presidium, the officer retreat
  that occurs each August, or a student organization orientation session. You will be
  notified of the next orientation opportunity when you complete the MyMT form.
  Organizations that fail to attend the orientation session are not eligible to receive
  funds from the student activity fee for any semester in which the organization is not
  in compliance with this requirement.

Outside Consultant Agreement: All student organizations who have individuals who
are NOT employed by MTSU, but work closely with their organization must notify
MTSU. The University will refer to those individuals as an "Outside
Consultant". Examples might include a campus minister, coach, alumni advisor,
consultant, etc.

Organizations who indicate they work closely with an Outside Consultant will be required to attend a short training regarding their role within their group. The President will be required to attend the training followed by signing an Outside Consultant Agreement Form. The organization will not be fully re-registered until this step has been complete.

#### **Additional Information**

- Constitution and/or By-Laws Changes: Changes and additions in the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization must be submitted in writing to the director of Student Organizations and Service within seven (7) days after adoption.
- Inactive Status: Organizations placed on inactive status are not eligible to use University facilities, apply for or receive money from the Student Activity Fee, or exercise any other privilege associated with the status of a registered student organization. Organizations which have been previously registered but are placed on inactive status for more than one (1) year must complete the re-registration process to be reinstated to active status.

#### **Resources for Registered Student Organizations**

- **Mailboxes:** Student organizations are eligible to maintain a University post office box in the name of the respective organization. Each organization is responsible for paying the annual postal service fee. Mailboxes are located at the basement of the Keathley University Center.
- **Portable Sound System:** Two portable Fender amplifiers, two sets of speaker stands, and four microphones are available for rent. There will be a \$25 non-refundable fee for their use. You must submit the Request for PA System form to reserve the speakers.
- Student Organization Resource Lab: All registered student organizations are provided access to the Student Organization Resource Lab located in the Student Union Building room 330 (CSIL Suite). For your convenience, the Resource Lab is equipped and is equipped with 7 Dell ® computers. All computers have internet access and half of them are equipped with graphic design software. Included in the space is a color copy machine for your organization's business use.
  - Each organization is allotted 1,000 prints each semester for organization use.
     This equates to 500 black and white copies and 500 color copies. It is important

- to note that once a student organization uses their allotment each semester, we will NOT be able to add more copies until the next semester.
- The Resource Lab is for student organization business use only. Anyone found using the equipment for any other purpose not meeting the specifications set forth by the Director of Student Organizations and Service or the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs will lose privileges for themselves and their organization.

#### • Leadership Library

Organizations will be able to check-out books on topics such as icebreakers, group activities, recognizing leaders, community development programs, and more. The Leadership Library is housed in the SU 330 (CSIL Suite). You are encouraged to look through the items & make copies of activities that are of interest to you. *Please do not remove books from the library*.

#### **Reserving Space on Campus**

Once your organization is re-registered for the academic year, you may reserve space on campus. All student organizations (including Fraternity & Sorority Life organizations) that are not affiliated with an academic department are recommended to use space in the MT Unions. Student sponsored events are allowed in all standard rooms during normal building hours.

# Event Coordination (https://www.mtsu.edu/eventcoordination/studentinfo.php)

• Find the appropriate scheduler in order to book the perfect space to fit your event needs.

#### Student Union (www.mtsu.edu/mtunions)

- These buildings offer an array of venues, including various sizes of conference rooms, tiered rooms with fixed seating, ballrooms, and other event spaces. Several outdoor green spaces are also managed by MT Unions, including the Student Union Commons, and KUC Knoll.
- For conference room or tabling reservations, requests must be submitted at least five business days before date requested. For space reservations in event venues such as the KUC Theater or the STU Ballroom, requests must be submitted at least twenty business days before the date requested.
- A member of the MT Union team will reach out to discuss the details of your request and then follow up with an email confirmation of your reservation. Event planning meetings will be scheduled, if necessary, approximately 30 days prior to your event date.

#### **Campus Recreation** (https://www.mtsu.edu/camprec/facilityrequest.php)

# Tucker Theater and BDA (https://mtsu.edu/theatreanddance/FacilityRequest.php)

# All other campus spaces (www.mtsu.edu/25live)

- The student organization advisor can log into 25Live and submit an online room request.
- Or, complete the hard copy <u>Application for Use of Facilities form</u>
   (https://www.mtsu.edu/eventcoordination/docs/use\_facility\_form.pdf) and submit to evtcoord@mtsu.edu.
- Requests must be submitted at least five business days before date requested.
   (additional notice may be required based on the complexity of the event).
- Spaces may require an advisor to be present throughout the duration of the event.

# **Event Services** (https://www.mtsu.edu/eventcoordination/eventservices.php)

 All event services route through your appropriate scheduler, including production and parking.

#### **Guidelines, Policies and Fees** (https://www.mtsu.edu/eventcoordination/forms.php)

- Fees are based on event needs. An estimate can be provided by the appropriate scheduler.
- The use of any campus property or buildings by an organization shall be subject to the
  policies, standards, rules and procedures of MTSU concerning use of property and
  facilities, including, but not limited, to <u>Policy 100 Use of Campus Property and Facilities</u>
  <u>Scheduling</u>. Events should not conflict directly with the first two weeks of Connection
  Points.
- No on-campus program or activity shall occur unless approved by the appropriate staff
  member in the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership. The organization is
  responsible for ensuring that all programs and activities (both on and off-campus)
  comply with state and local laws and regulations and meet the risk management
  guidelines required by the group's national organization, if applicable.
- Any fundraising activity shall be for the benefit of the organization as a whole or a charity. No funds shall be distributed to the officers or members of an organization for personal profit or gain. Fundraising event locations may require additional approval.
- No guest speakers shall be invited to the campus except pursuant to policies of MTSU concerning guest or off-campus speakers. See <u>Policy 100 Use of Campus Property and Facilities Scheduling</u>.
- Additional guidelines (grilling, temporary signage, amplified sound, etc.)

# <u>University Calendaring (www.mtsu.edu/calendar)</u> and <u>(www.mtsu.edu/campulife)</u>

Your event information will be displayed based on your submitted room request.

# **Tips for Reserving Space**

#### DO

- Review timelines and policies through each campus facilities departmental website and/or the facility scheduler BEFORE making a reservation request.
- Talk to your Advisor, a CSIL staff member, and Facility Scheduler/Coordinator.
- Have a backup plan.
- Create a budget.
- Use the full MTSU Student Organization name on all forms.
- Always include accurate expected head count and event dates.
- Specify event description and needs on your space request.
- Include your MTSU Email for your contact information, not a personal email.
- Call the Student Union Help Desk at 615-898-5121 or the Event Coordination Department at 615-898-5002 to check the status of a reservation, if you have not received communication from the scheduler.
- Advertise on myMT and check the University Calendars to see that your event is listed.

#### DON'T:

- Wait until the last minute to check venue options (even for a small meeting).
- Submit late requests.
- Advertise a meeting or event prior to receiving a reservation confirmation.
- Assume facilities include additional resources without confirming with the scheduler
- Expect to access rooms prior to your reservation time or stay late without confirming with the scheduler.

# **Questions** (https://www.mtsu.edu/eventcoordination/studentinfo.php)

Contact a Facility Scheduler/Coordinator for questions.

#### **Schedulers' Contact Information**

Academic Classrooms	Quintina Burton	615-898-5143
Miller Education Center	(Quintina.Burton@mtsu.edu)	
MT Center in ING		
Sidewalks and Parking Lots		
Tom Jackson	Debbie Londre	615-904-8240

Quad	( <u>Debbie.Londre@mtsu.edu</u> )	
Tucker Theater	John Underwood	615-904-8230
	( <u>John.Underwood@mtsu.edu</u> )	
Wright Music Hall	Todd Seage	615-898-2493
	(Todd.Seage@mtsu.edu)	
Campus Recreation	Andy Allgrim	615-898-2104
	(Andy.Allgrim@mtsu.edu)	
Student Union Building	Justin Reed	615-898-2591
Keathley University Center	(Justin.Reed@mtsu.edu)	
James Union Building		
Commons and Knoll		

All schedulers have the right to refuse the use of facility space to any group. Reasons include but are not limited to: previous cancellations without notice, outstanding debt/non-payment or inappropriate use of facilities. Please check with facility schedulers for regulations and building hours.

#### **Temporary Signage Guidelines**

Temporary signage includes any sign or display placed on any campus property that is not permanently installed by Facilities Services or contracted by the University. This includes, but is not limited to: directional signs, yard signs, sandwich boards, A-frames, feather flags, sidewalk stickers, posters, banners and temporary window clings/stickers. University Departments and/or officially recognized student organizations only are authorized to display temporary signs on University property.

Refer to <u>Temporary Signage Guidelines</u> for more information.

#### **Amplified Sound Guidelines**

The use of loudspeakers or any other type of amplification equipment for outdoor use must be approved by the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs in concert with the filing of the Application for Use of Facilities Form or the Student Unions Facility Request Form.

Sound equipment must not disrupt normal functions of the University (including residential facilities) or unduly disturb the surrounding community. Band, DJ, or other functions involving the amplification of music are restricted to the certain times. Exceptions may be approved by the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs. Refer to <a href="Amplified Sound Guidelines">Amplified Sound Guidelines</a> for more information.

# **Planning Programs**

- A. **Scheduling Activities:** On-campus social activities sponsored by a registered student organization must be approved prior to the date of the event. Clubs and/or organization activities must comply with <u>Policy 100 Use of Campus Property and Facilities Scheduling</u>. Procedures listed below must be followed:
  - a. Any event that involves the use of University facilities must be cleared with the facilities coordinator of the building being utilized. Properly executed forms must be filed in that office by an officer of the organization making such application for use of the facility.
  - b. Except as provided in <u>Policy 100 Use of Campus Property and Facilities</u> <u>Scheduling</u>, the use of campus grounds that are not directly associated with and reserved through the facilities coordinator of a particular building requires the completion of an Application for Use of Facilities Form, which must be filed with and approved by the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs.
  - c. Events sponsored by social Greek letter student organizations must be approved by the director of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
  - d. Events sponsored by non-Greek registered student organizations must be approved by the director of Student Organizations and Service.
  - e. Events that require police, custodial, and maintenance services may be denied, if such services are not available on the date requested for the activity.
  - f. Events sponsored by registered student organizations and national Greek letter organizations may not conflict with official Connection Point activities. All events that occur during Connection Point must be approved in advance by the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs or designee. Student organization events or meetings taking place on study days or during final examination periods will not be approved, unless they are academically related (i.e., study halls, presentations, recitals, etc.) and approved by the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs or designee.
  - g. Rallies or Marches: Rallies or marches must be registered using the same reservation policy set forth on campus. The organization will be required to meet with the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Office.
- B. **Guidelines for Social Activities:** In order to maintain an environment that promotes student-centered learning, social activities must be conducted in accordance with established guidelines.
  - a. Social activities include, but are not limited to, open houses, parties, dances, mixers, musical performances, or any other activity of a social purpose planned

by registered student organizations. Social activities must be approved for registration by the appropriate University official.

#### C. The following guidelines apply:

- a. Access to social activities is limited to University students with MTSU IDs and/or to persons with invitations. National Greek letter organizations must comply with policies set forth by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and their national offices.
- b. Social activities with unrestricted access by nonmembers of the organization without specific invitation are prohibited. Specific invitations must be approved by the Office of Student Organizations and Service or the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. A general announcement to the campus community is not considered an invitation.
- c. The advertising and promotion of social activities must be limited to the MTSU Community.
- d. Organizers of activities that are considered performances, where admission is charged, may request special permission from the appropriate University official to advertise the event at off- campus locations and not require written invitations.
- e. Organizations planning social activities must comply with all University policies and standards, and with local, state, and federal laws and ordinances.
- f. Any student organization which intends to conduct a social activity at an off-campus location at which alcohol will be present must conduct the activity in compliance with the requirements concerning responsible use of alcohol outlined in this policy, and on the Statement of Assurance form. Student organizations must also secure liability insurance in the name of the organization.
- D. **Other Organizational Programs**: All other organization-sponsored programs must comply with all University policies, standards, and procedures concerning the use of University facilities.

#### **Solicitation and Fundraising**

The buildings and grounds of MTSU exist for, and are exclusively devoted to, the organized and approved University program of higher education. As such, they are committed to the nonprofit, tax-exempt use of the official program of the University. Therefore, private, unsolicited business activities are not permitted on University premises. However, in certain limited areas, the University contracts with private firms to provide needed on-campus services for students, faculty, and staff that contributes to the accomplishment of the University's educational purposes.

Apart from prohibiting profit-making commercial business activities, the University also regulates within limits under separate policies and consistent with the above policy, any use of

its buildings and grounds for solicitation, including fundraising activities. Fundraising activities must not violate state law by including a drawing, raffle, lottery, game of chance, or any scheme for distribution of prizes among persons who are playing for a chance to obtain a prize.

- Campus property and facilities may not be used by any off campus organization, or
  individual for the conduct of commercial solicitation, on-site sales, or other profitmaking activities except when (1) a license or lease agreement exists, (2) the activity is
  conducted in accordance with any other valid contract or agreement with MTSU, or (3)
  the commercial solicitation, on-site sales, or other profit-making activity is sponsored by
  a registered student organization for the purpose of raising funds to support the
  organization's activities pursuant to Policy 100 Use of Campus Property and Facilities
  Scheduling.
- Failure of an off-campus organization, or individual to receive approval for fundraising on university premises will lead to the removal of the solicitor by the appropriate university authorities. Specific procedural guidelines should be sought from the Director for Student Organizations and Service.
- No off-campus organization, or individual will be permitted to solicit during the week(s)
  designated as Connection Point. The only opportunity for this is provided through
  participation in the Meet Murfreesboro event or by an exception made by the Assistant
  Vice President for Student Affairs.
- An off-campus organization providing a tangible product or service may be permitted to come onto campus under the sponsorship of a campus department or registered student organization. The fundraiser must exist for the purpose of assisting the department or student organization in some way toward meeting its established goals.
- Off campus organizations who collect applications for purposes other than educational
  or career-oriented reasons are restricted from soliciting said applications on campus. In
  such instances where an off-campus organization has received the appropriate
  sponsorship, the sponsoring department or student organization must adhere to the
  following guidelines:
  - All fundraising activities by registered student organizations (including occasions when admission is charged or donations are requested), on campus must be registered in advance with the Director of Student Organizations and Service.
  - Registered student organizations may charge membership dues at meetings and conduct fundraising projects on the campus. These activities must support the program of the organization as stated in that organization's registration material, the educational purposes of the University community, and/or a philanthropic purpose.
  - Fundraising projects for philanthropic purposes must be directed to nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations and not made directly to an individual or individuals.
  - The campus department or student organization must share in the proceeds from the sale of the product or service.

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- A sign that clearly indicates the name of the sponsoring organization must be displayed at all times at the location of and for the duration of the fundraising activity.
- A representative from the sponsoring organization must be present at all times at the location of and for the duration of the fundraising activity. This representative must be actively involved in the solicitation of the product or service.
- Use of University premises for fundraising activities is permitted only at designated locations and under the following specified conditions:
  - a. Use is subject to scheduling arrangements.
  - b. Fundraising may be conducted only if the activity does not duplicate the services already provided by MTSU, its contracted vendors, or other lease operations.
  - c. Exceptions can be made with approval of the Vice President of Business and Finance. Questions relating to such activities should be referred to the Office of Student Organizations and Service.

# **Food Policy**

It is important that Student Organizations review the University Food and Beverage Policy 661 with any events that will include food. Student Organizations can also find information regarding fundraising events that include food sales. <a href="MTSU Policy 661 Food and Beverages">MTSU Policy 661 Food and Beverages</a>

# **Student Activity Fee Dates & Deadlines**

# **Application Dates**

Student Activity Fee Applications are available three times per year. You may only request funds in the semester in which the program/event takes place. Please visit <a href="http://mtsu.edu/sos/SAF.php">http://mtsu.edu/sos/SAF.php</a> for more information about Student Activity Fee funding.

Fall Applications Available	August 28, 2023
Fall Applications due	September 15, 2023
Spring Applications Available	November 1, 2023
Spring Applications due	November 30, 2023
Summer/Early Fall Applications Available	March 11, 2024
Summer/Early Fall Applications due	April 12, 2024

# **Reimbursement Dates**

Student Activity Fee money is by reimbursement only. All reimbursements must be submitted by the deadline of each semester in order to guarantee reimbursement. Make sure you attach all receipts to the completed Reimbursement Request Form.

Summer/Early Fall Reimbursement Forms are available	September 15, 2023
Fall Reimbursement Forms are due	December 15, 2023
Spring Reimbursement Forms are due	May 3, 2024

#### **Student Organization Finances**

#### **Off-Campus Bank Accounts**

Student organizations who have off-campus bank accounts must have sound financial procedures. For Student Activity Fee reimbursements, funds will be distributed by direct deposit to off-campus bank accounts or to the organization's on-campus Agency Account.

#### **MTSU Agency Accounts**

Student organizations are able to open an MTSU agency accounts through the Business Office. You may contact the MTSU Business Office by calling (615) 898-2940, visiting our offices in Cope Administration Building, or emailing <a href="mailto:boffice@mtsu.edu">boffice@mtsu.edu</a>.

# **Financial Reports**

All University approved student organizations must be prepared to submit a financial statement and/or reports concerning programs and activities upon request to the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs. The University reserves the right to place on probation or withdraw its approval from organizations which operate outside the bounds of sound financial procedure or show other evidence of financial irresponsibility. The University assumes no responsibility for indebtedness incurred by student organizations. Every University-approved organization must submit a statement of fees, dues, and assessments to Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs upon request.

Student Organization Fiscal Procedures are listed in Policy 560 Student Organization Registration & Recognition

#### **Marketing & Advertising Events**

# myMT Events

Student organizations have the option to create a myMT event that will be posted to the myMT home page. These events can be created from your student organization's homepage and will be viewable by current MTSU Students.

#### Office of Student Organizations and Service Announcements

Student organizations can request announcements to be posted on the weekly email sent to all myMT users. Requests should be made to <a href="mailto:camporgs@mtsu.edu">camporgs@mtsu.edu</a> by Friday at noon for the following week.

# **Flyer Postings**

Student organizations are able to post flyers in the Student Union Atrium. There is a large board available for posting. Each flyer will be removed every Sunday.

#### Handbills, Pamphlets, & Table tents

Registered student organizations and MTSU departments may request permission from the MT Unions department to distribute printed materials such as handbills, pamphlets, etc. Details on where and when these items may be disseminated will be determined on a case-by-case basis, according to the nature of the advertisement and the intended audience. Printed materials found around the buildings and grounds in areas not explicitly approved by MT Unions staff will be discarded. Unapproved printed materials found around the buildings and grounds will be discarded and promoters will be asked to leave campus.

#### Chalking

Sidewalk chalking is **NOT** permitted on campus grounds. Chalking is treated as a police offense for Destruction of Public Property.

# **Banner Space**

The MT Unions department offers designated spaces inside the Student Union building and outside the Keathley University Center where student organizations and MTSU departments may display banners. Requestors may submit a reservation application.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Bed sheets are not permissible in any area, but canvas cloth is an inexpensive alternative for handmade banners. Banner reservation applications can be found on the MT Unions website, <a href="www.mtsu.edu/mtunions">www.mtsu.edu/mtunions</a> and by clicking the "Campus Organizations" button on the right hand navigation.

# **Video/Filming Guidelines**

- Anyone seeking to video or film for commercial purposes on the campus of MTSU must contact the office of News and Media Relations for permission at <a href="mailto:news@mtsu.edu">news@mtsu.edu</a>.
- Requestors must provide details about the nature of the filming, including days, hours and locations of proposed filming.
- Such filming by external clients typically requires an upfront location fee, proof of liability insurance; and a signed, non-negotiable University-approved contract before filming can take place.
- Indoor filming requests require review and approval from Event Coordination or through the appropriate scheduler. A list of campus schedulers can be found on the Event Coordination website. Approval is required to determine if preferred location is available at the proposed times and appropriate for the proposed use.
- Further charges may accrue if University personnel are required to be on site during filming as outlined in the contract.
- Requestors should factor in 10-14 days for obtaining approval, and approval is never guaranteed, particularly if involving filming on weekends or outside typical business hours.

# **Student Organization Awards**

The Office of Student Organizations and Service sponsors an annual awards recognition program during the spring semester. All organizations are encouraged to apply for awards so they may be properly recognized for all of their hard work and dedication. Award applications will be available in January 2024.

Visit <a href="https://mtsu.edu/sos/student-org-awards.php">https://mtsu.edu/sos/student-org-awards.php</a> for more information.

#### **Student Organization Office Space**

The Center for Student Involvement and Leadership offers 4 office spaces for 8 organizations to share during the academic year. Organizations must apply by the announcement deadlines and are able to use space for meetings, program planning, collaboration, and more. Organizations are required to maintain 10 office hours per week.

Visit www.mtsu.edu/sos/student-org-policies.php for more information.