



# SOS

Student **Organizations**  
and **Service**

## **Student Organization Handbook 2026-2027**

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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, New to Blue Orientation (Summer), 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;
  - 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;
  - 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.
  - Log into MyMT ([www.mtsu.edu/mymt](http://www.mtsu.edu/mymt)) using your Pipeline credentials.
  - Click on the "Organizations" tab.
  - Select the "Register an Organization" button on the left menu.

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- 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 ([www.mtsu.edu/sos](http://www.mtsu.edu/sos)) 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](http://www.mtsu.edu/MyMT)
    - Log-in with your Pipeline credentials.
    - 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.
  - Go to our website, [www.mtsu.edu/sos](http://www.mtsu.edu/sos).
  - Click the “Student Organizations” button.
  - 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 The Summit, 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 their faculty advisor. The University will refer to those individuals as an “Outside Consultants”. Examples might include a campus minister, coach, alumni advisor, consultant, etc.

Organizations with or without an Outside Consultant will be required to watch a short training regarding the role of an Outside Consultant. The President will be required to watch 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.
- **Student Organization Resource Lab:** All registered student organizations are provided with 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 take books from the CSIL Suite.*

### 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.

For all spaces, start by checking 25Live (<http://www.mtsu.edu/25live>) for appropriate facility and/or available space, a login is not needed. Spaces listed as restricted require additional approval. *By moving forward with an event reservation, you understand, and agree, that your name and MTSU email address will be included on both the event reservation system and event advertising.*

If you would like to book in Student Affairs Spaces (SU, KUC, JUB, follow the instructions on the Student Union embedded link (<https://www.mtsu.edu/mtunions/facilityrequest/>)).

- 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. All event services will route through your event manager, including production, parking, etc.

If you would like to reserve an academic space on campus, the student organization advisor can log into 25Live (<https://25live.collegenet.com/pro/mtsu>) and submit an online room request. You may also reach out to [evtcoord@mtsu.edu](mailto:evtcoord@mtsu.edu) with questions.

For more information, check out the event services: <https://eventcoordination.mtsu.edu/eventservices/>

Check out the policy page: <https://eventcoordination.mtsu.edu/forms/> to determine fees and service options. Fees are based on event needs. An estimate can be provided by the appropriate scheduler.

Check the University Master Calendar ([www.mtsu.edu/calendar](http://www.mtsu.edu/calendar)) and Campus Life Calendar (<https://www.mtsu.edu/campuslife/events/>) for event information displays. More information can be provided by the appropriate scheduler.

### **Tips for Reserving Space**

#### **DO**

- Review timelines and policies with the Facility Scheduler/Coordinator.
- 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.
- Include accurate expected head count, event dates and alternative dates on your space request form.
- Specify event description and needs on your space request form.
- 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 forms.
- 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.

**Additional Information about the Use of Facilities**

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 Policy 100 Use of Campus Property and Facilities Scheduling. Events should not conflict directly with the first two weeks of Connection Points.

Except for routine meetings of the organization, 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.

No guest speakers shall be invited to the campus except pursuant to policies of MTSU concerning guest or off-campus speakers. See Policy 100 Use of Campus Property and Facilities Scheduling.

**Questions?**

Please visit the website <https://www.mtsu.edu/mtunions/> or <https://eventcoordination.mtsu.edu/> to contact a Facility Scheduler/Coordinator for questions.



**Schedulers' Contact Information**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| Academic Spaces/Parking Lots & All Other Spaces for Events/MEC Building/MT Center | Event Coordination<br><a href="mailto:evtcoord@mtsu.edu">evtcoord@mtsu.edu</a>                      | (615)898-5002 | Box 130 |
| Campus Recreation                                                                 | Gabrielle Springer<br><a href="mailto:recreservations@mtsu.edu">recreservations@mtsu.edu</a>        | 615-898-2104  | Box 556 |
| Chris Young Cafe                                                                  | Michelle Conceison<br><a href="mailto:Michelle.Conceison@mtsu.edu">Michelle.Conceison@mtsu.edu</a>  | (615)898-2607 | Box 021 |
| Student Unions (SU, KUC, JUB) Meeting Rooms and Tabling                           | Sadie Katie Hampton<br><a href="mailto:SadieKatie.Hampton@mtsu.edu">SadieKatie.Hampton@mtsu.edu</a> | (615)494-7643 | Box 131 |
| Student Unions (SU, KUC, JUB) Events and Activities                               | Cecilia Lighthall<br><a href="mailto:Cecilia.Lighthall@mtsu.edu">Cecilia.Lighthall@mtsu.edu</a>     | (615)494-7887 | Box 131 |
| Tom Jackson & Front Lawn                                                          | Debbie Londre<br><a href="mailto:Debbie.Londre@mtsu.edu">Debbie.Londre@mtsu.edu</a>                 | 615-904-8240  | Box 130 |
| Tucker Theater                                                                    | John Underwood<br><a href="mailto:John.Underwood@mtsu.edu">John.Underwood@mtsu.edu</a>              | 615-904-8230  | Box 43  |
| Wright Music Complex                                                              | Chris Click<br><a href="mailto:Ronald.Click@mtsu.edu">Ronald.Click@mtsu.edu</a>                     | 615-898-2493  | Box 47  |

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.

- All student-sponsored events must be approved by the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership.

### Amplified Sound Guidelines

Outdoor amplified sound may be requested for events hosted at the Union Commons, as follows:

- South Commons: Monday–Friday 4:00 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturday–Sunday 1:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.
- North Commons Monday–Friday 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday–Sunday 1:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

Outdoor amplified sound may be requested for events hosted at the KUC Knoll as follows:

- Friday: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Saturday–Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Amplified sound levels may not exceed seventy-five (75) decibels Mondays-Fridays.
- Amplified sound levels may not exceed one-hundred ten (110) decibels Saturdays and Sundays.

Outdoor amplified sound may be requested for events hosted in all other outdoor spaces by special permission through Event Coordination or through the appropriate scheduler. A list of campus schedulers can be found on the Event Coordination website. Amplified sound levels in restricted areas are dependent on academic course schedules and are determined in advance by the scheduler and MTSU Event Productions Department.

- All sound sources must be placed at least ten (10) feet away from sidewalks.
- Sidewalks must be free of congestion and accessible to pedestrian traffic.
- Events must never disrupt the normal functions of MTSU or unreasonably disturb the surrounding community.
- Amplified sound is not permitted to last more than three (3) hours per event and must conclude at scheduled end time indicated on the confirmation. This timeframe does not apply to MTSU athletic facility events.
- All student-sponsored events must be approved by the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership (CSIL).

### Outdoor Event Guidelines

Students and Student Organizations gather and use the generally accessible, open, outdoor areas of campus as traditional public forums for free speech and distribution of literature consistent with the requirements of MTSU Policy 103, Free Speech on Campus. Standard outdoor spaces (Walnut Grove, Commons and KUC Knoll) are generally accessible or open for spontaneous student use. Such use of space is on a space available basis, and no request is required pursuant to this policy. Even if not required, MTSU departments and student organizations who wish to reserve outdoor standard or

restricted spaces may do so pursuant to MTSU Policy 100. Approved events have precedence over spontaneous usage. All events must be compliant with University Policies and routed through the University Scheduling System ([mtsu.edu/25live](https://mtsu.edu/25live)).

### Planning Programs

- A. Scheduling Activities: On-campus social activities sponsored by a registered student organization must be approved a minimum of five (5) working days prior to the date of the event (additional notice may be required based on the complexity of the event). Dances and similar events may require custodial, maintenance, and/or security services. The costs of such services are the responsibility of the sponsoring organization. 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 Policy 100 Use of Campus Property and Facilities Scheduling, 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.
- 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.
  - g. Rallies or Marches. Rallies or marches must be registered with the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Office five (5) working days before the rally or march and must comply with Policy 100 Use of Campus Property and Facilities Scheduling.
- D. Other Organizational Programs: All other organization-sponsored programs must comply with all University policies, standards, and procedures concerning the use of University facilities.
- E. On-Campus Publicity:
  - a. Signs. Signs advertising club or organization activities must comply with Policy 100 Use of Campus Property and Facilities Scheduling.

- b. Public Address and Loudspeaker Systems. Organizations planning to use public address systems, platforms, and other special equipment must consult the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs.
- F. Use of Amplification Equipment. 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.
  - a. 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 [Amplified Sound Guidelines](#) for more information.

### 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 non-affiliated group, organization, or individual for the conduct of commercial solicitation, on-site sales, or other profit-making 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 a nonaffiliated group, 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 unaffiliated group, 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 unaffiliated group 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.
- Unaffiliated groups 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 unaffiliated group 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.
  - 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. [MTSU Policy 661 Food and Beverages](#)

**Student Activity Fee Dates & Deadlines****2026-2027 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 <https://sos.mtsu.edu/saf/> for more information about Student Activity Fee funding.

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|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Fall Applications Available .....              | <b>August 24, 2026</b>    |
| Fall Applications due .....                    | <b>September 11, 2026</b> |
| Spring Applications Available.....             | <b>November 2, 2026</b>   |
| Spring Applications due .....                  | <b>December 2, 2026</b>   |
| Summer/Early Fall Applications Available ..... | <b>March 15, 2027</b>     |
| Summer/Early Fall Applications due .....       | <b>April 16, 2027</b>     |

**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.

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| Summer/Early Fall Reimbursement Forms are available..... | <b>September 11, 2026</b> |
| Fall Reimbursement Forms are due.....                    | <b>December 11, 2026</b>  |
| Spring Reimbursement Forms are due .....                 | <b>May 12, 2027</b>       |

**Student Organization Finances****Off-Campus Bank Accounts**

Student organizations with 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 who maintain an MTSU Agency Account will work through the Business Office. No new Agency Accounts will be established. You may contact the MTSU Business Office by calling (615) 898-2940, visiting our offices in Cope Administration Building, or emailing [boffice@mtsu.edu](mailto:boffice@mtsu.edu).

**Banking Apps**

The Student Organization and Service Office does not recommend the use of banking apps such as Venmo, CashApp, PayPal; however, it is not prohibited. If you must use an app, check to see if you bank offers services with Zelle. This is a safe service that does not require you to download an app or connecting anything personally to your phone.

If your student organization uses an app, it cannot be linked to a personal student account. It must be linked to the student organization's off-campus bank account. If the organization has an Agency Account, these apps cannot be linked. You must use cash/check to collect funds.

**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](#)

**Social Media Procedures**

Registered student organizations (RSO) are required to abide by MTSU Policy 150 Social Networking and Media. Please read the policy here: <https://www.mtsu.edu/policies/p150/>.

**Best Practices:**

- I. Involve Club Leadership in Posting
  - a. Consider creating a group chat for club leadership to discuss and approve posts, DMs, reposts, comments, or any other content on your club's social media account. Getting additional opinions on social media posts is always helpful.
- II. Think Twice Before Posting
  - a. Privacy does not exist in the realm of social media. Keep in mind the unintended consequences of comments, story replies, direct messages, or other communications being forwarded or copied.
- III. Strive for Accuracy
  - a. Get the facts straight before posting on social media. Review content for grammatical and spelling errors!
- IV. Remember Your Audience
  - a. Be aware that a presence in the social media world is – or easily can be – made available to the public at large. This includes prospective students, current students, employers, colleagues, the media, and peers.



## V. Monitor the Sites

- a. It is the responsibility of the student organization to regularly monitor the account for unacceptable behavior and to remove content that violates policy.

## 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 newsletter/email sent to all myMT users. Requests should be made to [camporgs@mtsu.edu](mailto:camporgs@mtsu.edu) or [Danielle.Bratton@mtsu.edu](mailto:Danielle.Bratton@mtsu.edu) by Thursday at noon for the following week. You can also tag us on Instagram @mtsusos to highlight organization announcements.

### Temporary Signage / Promotion Guidelines

MT Unions offers multiple promotional options for student organizations and departments, including banner space in the Student Union Atrium (reserved in advance), digital signage (requested at least one month prior), flyer postings in designated areas (no reservation required), and distribution of printed materials like handbills and pamphlets (with approval). Yard signs are permitted in most campus locations with specific restrictions, while sidewalk chalk is strictly prohibited. All promotional materials must comply with university policies and be retrieved promptly after display periods to avoid disposal.

### Flyer Postings

Student Organizations may post flyers in designated spaces in the Student Union, Keathley University Center, and James Union Building in accordance with MTSU Policy 100: Use of Campus Property and Facilities Scheduling. No reservation is required. Postings are removed every Sunday Afternoon. Flyers may be picked up from the Information Desk by the following Friday or they will be discarded.

Walker Library Bulletin Board Policy: The Walker Library provides a public bulletin board just inside the Library's main entrance for announcements and notices of local events. ***Items posted anywhere except the public bulletin board will be removed immediately. Items posted are subject to removal at the Library's discretion.*** The Walker Library provides bulletin boards in the First Floor Lounge area for announcements and notices of MTSU events only\*\*. If you're unsure where you should post your flyer, ask the desk inside the Library.

### Handbills, Pamphlets, & Table tents

Registered student organizations and MTSU departments may request permission from the Student 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 Student Unions staff will be discarded.

**Chalking**

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

**Banner Space**

The Student Unions department offers designated spaces inside the Student Union building where student organizations and MTSU departments may display banners. Requestors may submit a reservation application to hang banners in the Student Union Atrium on the 2nd floor railing. Find additional rules for banner space under “Advertising” here:

<https://www.mtsu.edu/mtunions/guidelines/>.

**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, [www.mtsu.edu/mtunions](http://www.mtsu.edu/mtunions) 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 [news@mtsu.edu](mailto:news@mtsu.edu).
- Requestors must provide details about the nature of the filming, including days, hours and locations of the 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 the 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.

**Awards Ceremony - (Student Organizations / BOLT)**

Hosted by MTSU Student Government Association (SGA) and the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership, the Bolt Awards are a newly established annual tradition at Middle Tennessee State University, celebrating student excellence across scholarship, leadership, and service. These honors shine a spotlight on outstanding undergraduate individuals and student organizations who embody the

spirit of True Blue. There are five (5) student organization awards! All organizations are encouraged to apply for awards so they may be properly recognized for all their hard work and dedication. Award applications open in November of each academic year.

Visit <https://sga.mtsu.edu/mtsu-bolt-awards/> for more information.

### **Student Organization Office Space**

The Center for Student Involvement and Leadership offers five (5) office spaces for ten (10) organizations to share during the academic year. Organizations must apply by the announced deadline and are able to use space for meetings, program planning, collaboration, and more. Organizations are required to maintain 10 office hours per week. ***Student organizations who are not re-registered by the application deadline will not be considered.***

Visit <https://sos.mtsu.edu/student-org-policies/> for more information.

### **Student Organization Storage Space**

Assignments for Student Organization Storage space will be made in August before the start of the school year. All student organizations will be notified via email.

Criteria for Student Organization Storage Space

- Be a registered student organization with the Office of Student Organizations and Service (SOS) for a minimum of one year, must attend Presidium (President's Retreat), have completed all necessary reports through myMT, and in good standing with the University. ***Student organizations who are not re-registered by the application deadline will not be considered.***
- Documented activities/programs that serve the MTSU student body (e.g. number of programs, numbers of student participation in meetings and events; co-sponsorship, open engagement with the University and greater community)
- Demonstration that the organization's activities reflect its stated mission, goals, and objectives
- Suitability of organization functions and needs for available space

Priority given to groups who can demonstrate:

- A student organization that has been registered with the Student Organizations & Service for at least one year.
- Lack of other designated spaces on campus.

### **Student Organization Officer Transition Guides**

Student organizations transition leadership much more frequently than most corporate, government, or community organizations. As a result, transitions are vital to the organization's success and stability. So, the Office of Student Organizations created Officer Transition Guides for incoming and outgoing officers. These worksheets are to be used as a guide to seamlessly transition your organization.

**Outgoing Officer Transition Guide**

Complete this officer specific worksheet prior to the Transition Meeting and review your notes with the incoming officer(s). This worksheet will also help you identify and articulate connections between your officer experience and your career and leadership development.

- [Outgoing President Guide](#)
- [Outgoing Vice President Guide](#)
- [Outgoing Secretary Guide](#)
- [Outgoing Treasurer Guide](#)

**Incoming Officer Transition Guide**

Taking on a new officer role can be overwhelming. Below you will find a specific guide for each officer's position. It will provide a clear set of tasks that will support a successful transition into your role. Work with your advisor(s) and outgoing officers to learn whether there are other transition tasks unique to your organization.

- [Incoming President Guide](#)
- [Incoming Vice President Guide](#)
- [Incoming Secretary Guide](#)
- [Incoming Treasurer Guide](#)

Visit <https://sos.mtsu.edu/transition-guide/> for more information.

For questions or assistance with information in this handbook, please reach out the Student Organizations and Service Office at 615-898-5812 or email our staff here: <https://sos.mtsu.edu/staff/>.