Frequently Asked Questions

These are the most common questions asked about organizations. If you have a question that is not answered here, please contact the Coordinator of Student Engagement at studentlife@trcc.edu or 573-840-9437.

What is SGA?
The purpose of this organization shall be:

- To foster and encourage activities of the Three Rivers College student body by sponsoring events of a social, cultural, and civic nature which promote college unity and pride.
- To act in the best interest of the student body when participating in the development of Three Rivers College policy, by taking part in collaboration committees and addressing student issues with the faculty.
- To allocate funds for student organizations and events in a fair and equitable fashion.
- To demonstrate commendable qualities, such as exhibition of leadership, honesty, and fairness.

Why should I start an organization at Three Rivers College?
Those who choose to start a new organization embark on an incredible journey. Along this journey you will have the opportunity to acquire new skills, meet new people, and to be part of the creation of something potentially wonderful! You will be contributing to your club, the students, the campus and the surrounding community.

What do organization do?
What you do as an organization is (almost) entirely up to your members. You may choose to focus your club on social interaction, educational interaction, and/or your organization may be focused on fundraising, religious discussion, or service. Organizations have the opportunity to network with other students, faculty, and staff and to learn from and help each other through your years here at Three Rivers. Student Government sponsors several activities throughout the year in which organizations are invited to participate. The organization may also create its own activities, service projects, fundraisers, seminars, social, etc., as long as the proper procedures have been followed and paperwork has been completed and approved.

What’s the benefit of being an “officially recognized Three Rivers Organization?”
Here are some of the benefits:

1. Free use of Three Rivers facilities and meeting rooms for approved organization activities.
2. Opportunities to fundraise on the Three Rivers campus for your events.
3. Special invitation and advertisement at Three Rivers events such as club rush, Raider Reports, weekly emails and other SGA activities.
4. Voting privilege at SGA Senate meetings as long as you are in active standing.
5. Ability to apply for funding from Three Rivers Student Government.
6. Uses of SGA supplies, as designated by SGA, for the year.

How do we maintain our “active” club status?
Submit a “Charter Application” form each academic year (by the 45th day of classes.) This form lists your members, officers, advisors, contact information, and goals. Advisors or organization Officers must attend a training session provided by Student Life once per year. An updated copies of the club constitution should be submitted whenever changes are made, or at the request of the Coordinator of Student Engagement. Must have 3 active members throughout the year.

Who can join the club?
Any student enrolled in at least one (1) credit hour per semester at any of the Three Rivers campuses are eligible for membership in the club. Students that hold an office position must be a full time student at Three Rivers. Non-TRC students may not travel to off-site locations with the club for any reason. Non-TRC students may not cast a vote for any club issue or meeting.

How many club members should there be?
Clubs must have a minimum of 3 active students.

If you sign the application, are you automatically a member?
No, membership in your organization is not dependent upon the application but upon the requirements set forth in your constitution. Signing the application means that the student approves of the ideas of your club and makes no commitment to any further involvement.

Where does the advisor come from?
The advisor is someone the organizers of the organization recruits to help them navigate the system of administrative processes at Three Rivers that pertain to the organization’s ability to operate. The advisor must be a full time faculty or Professional staff member of Three Rivers College.

Can the club get any money from Three Rivers Student Government?
A. Yes, however, you must apply for funding from the SGA Executive Board. You must fill out the form and meet with the board. Funding is based on available funds but is never guaranteed. You may apply for these funds as soon as your club constitution has been approved. Apply early as money does run out!
B. All NEW organizations receive a one-time transfer of $100 seed money from Student Government.
Where can we deposit and withdraw organization money?
There is only one place where club funds may be deposited and withdrawn - the Three Rivers College Cashiers Office. Organizations may not have an account at a bank or any holding facility - NO EXCEPTIONS! You will be given an account number shortly after your constitution has been approved. You will then have to submit the appropriate forms to receive the money. All fundraising money must be deposited into your agency account.

Why does the organization need a constitution?
Each club must establish a preliminary set of guidelines to help the club conduct its business. Without a constitution, it will be very difficult to maintain order and a sense of direction in the club. Having a well written constitution will eliminate much confusion in the event that there are any questions regarding club procedure.

What information must the constitution contain to be considered for approval?
It is important to include information about your club’s purpose, how your meetings will be structured, the roles and duties of your officers, how they are elected, and how amendments can be made to the governing documents. Without this information, it is likely that your club’s governing documents will be returned to you until the appropriate edits are made.

Who approves the constitution?
The SGA Executive Board approves all new constitutions and conducts periodic reviews. New constitutions have the opportunity to resubmit constitutions with correction. After SGA approves the constitution and application it is sent to the following for approval: Dean of Student Success, President of Three Rivers College and Coordinator of Student Engagement.

Where do I find out about things going on at the college?
There are many different types of ways to find out what is going on at the college. Emails, Raider Reports, Media link tvs , Facebook, Twitter, Website, contacting the Student Engagement office, flyers on bulletin boards, classroom discussions.

How do I contact organizations and their advisors?
The Three Rivers website has a list of organizations or you can email studentlife@trcc.edu for advisor information, organization details, and contact information.

How can I be a part of Student Government?
There are two ways to be apart of Student Government: you can be nominated for a board position or you can fill out a senate application and become a senator.