



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

2020-2021 Spending Guidelines

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Acceptable Uses of Funds

Some acceptable uses of Student Government Association Funds are:

- **Advertising.** The ad must pertain directly to your organization and must include the three statements listed on page 4 of this booklet.
- **Banners** promoting a university event or your organization.
- **Decorations** such as streamers & balloons.
- **Food** for meetings, dinners or events within the allowed policy limits listed on page 4 of this booklet.
- Office supplies. Office Max is the university approved supplier. HSC Student Affairs can order for you.
- Postage must be metered by OUHSC. HSC Student Affairs can help.
- **Printing** provided by University Printing Services. If you use an outside vendor, prior approval from HSC Student Affairs is required.
- **Refreshments** at student events within the allowed policy limits listed on page 4 of this booklet.
- **Rental of facilities and equipment** for student events. Most rentals require a contract and signature. All contracts MUST go through our Purchasing Department. Please contact the Staff Accountant for HSC Student Affairs prior to making reservations.
- **Rental of traditional international costumes** for cultural events. If a signature is required, contact the Staff Accountant for assistance.
- **Security** for events (requires an approved Independent Contractor Form if provided by an individual)
- **Services** provided by DJs or performers require an approved Independent Contractor Form prior to the event if provided by an individual.
- **Transportation** for educational trips pertaining to your organization.

Non-Acceptable Uses of Funds

The following list includes some of the ways Student Association Funds cannot be used:

- Appliances
- Clothing
- Donations
- Endorsements
- Fundraising
- **Gifts, cards, gift cards, prizes, door prizes, or personal items.** This includes t-shirts, awards or any kind of give-away.
- Holiday decorations
- Medications
- Memberships
- Monetary awards
- Postage purchased at the Post Office.
- Religious services
- Scholarships

Ways to Access Funds

Four methods of spending your organization's budget allocation are:

Purchase orders are required for purchases that require a signed contract or agreement or are greater than \$5000. Contact the HSC Student Affairs Staff Accountant for more information.

Transfer of funds can be beneficial when you are paying another campus department or splitting an invoice. HSC Student Affairs can help with the process.

Direct payment – If a company is in the OUHSC supplier/vendor system, they will invoice the university. After the goods or services are received or rendered, the vendor can be paid by OUHSC. The invoice should be mailed, faxed, emailed or delivered to the HSC Staff Accountant. (Address information is on page 7.) Direct billed invoices should not include sales tax.

Reimbursement is the most common method of accessing funds. You or your organization can be reimbursed when personal funds or funds from the organization's bank account have been spent for acceptable purchases.

In order to be reimbursed for expenditures, you must:

- 1. Obtain an itemized receipt that shows the name and address of the vendor, the date of purchase, items purchased, and proof of payment (a zero balance, credit card receipt, etc.).
- 2. Complete an Expenditure Authorization form which includes the purpose and date of the event, the amount of the expenditure, and if you purchased food, the number of people participating in the event. The names of attendees must be listed if there were ten or less. The organization's adviser must sign the Expenditure Authorization.
- 3. Submit the receipt and other required information to the HSC Student Affairs Staff Accountant who will assist you in completing a Form 3 and notarize your signature. Form 3 is provided on page 6 of this booklet for your information and is available on the OUHSC website. The link is http://www.ouhsc.edu/financialservices/documents/AP_forms/OSF3.pdf

NOTE 1: If you have not previously received a check from OUHSC or are not set up as a supplier/ vendor, you must be added to the Supplier system. You can request to be added by emailing or calling the Staff Accountant. You will receive an electronic request for information necessary to become a Supplier so that you can be reimbursed.

NOTE 2: Reimbursements must be made within 120 days; otherwise, they can become taxable income to the payee.

NOTE 3: Air travel requires preauthorization. Please ask for help **before** you make reservations.

Tips for Success

Registered Student Organizations are not entities of the University, and their activities are not sponsored or endorsed by OUHSC. Therefore, **RSO's are not Tax Exempt** or eligible to use the University's tax ID number.

T-Shirts can be allowable purchases if the shirt identifies the organization or event and will be used as a uniform.

Trophies and awards can be presented in honor and acknowledgment of academic or other achievements. The awards must be reasonable and customary and not exceed \$100 per honoree.

Food purchases must be reasonable and customary and including tips, tax and service charges may not exceed the following dollar amounts:

Light refreshments: \$25 average per person

Breakfast: \$25 per person Lunch: \$40 per person Evening meal: \$80 per person

If your organization has **self-generated funds** (such as from a fundraiser or membership dues) that have not been comingled with University funds, those monies may be used to make otherwise unallowable purchases. For example, if you wish to do a football ticket giveaway, or provide door prizes, or give an award for attendance, you could not do that with Student Association funds, but you could with truly self-generated funds that are not comingled with University funds.

All **printed materials** must include the following three statements:

- 1. Funding for this publication is provided by the OUHSC Student Government Association.
- 2. For accommodations on the basis of disability, call (phone number).
- 3. The University of Oklahoma, in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity, gender expression, age, religion, disability, political beliefs, or status as a veteran in any of its policies, practices, or procedures. This includes, but is not limited to: admissions, employment, financial aid, housing, services in educational programs or activities, or health care services that the University operates or provides. Inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies may be directed to: Faustina Layne, Interim Institutional Equity Officer and Title IX Coordinator, 405-271-2110, faustina-layne@ouhsc.edu, or visit http://www.ou.edu/eoo.html.



EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION

Person to be reimbursed/Vendor to be pa	id					
Student Organization						
Event or purpose of expenditure						
Was this event posted on the Student Cale	endar? (circle one)	YES	NO			
If not, why?						
Amount of expenditure	Date of activity					
If food, number of participants	If 10 or less, please list names.					
Student Org Treasurer (if required)		Date				
Advisor/Sponsor (required)		Date				

Please submit along with receipts for reimbursement or invoice to be paid to:

Katherine Cooley | Staff Accountant HSC Student Affairs | HSC Student Union, Suite 300 katherine-cooley@ouhsc.edu | Fax: (405) 271-8817



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Helpful Hints for HSC Student Organizations

- An organization's advisor/sponsor must approve every expenditure. The form is provided in the back of the Guidelines for Spending booklet and must be submitted with requests for reimbursement or invoices for payment.
- HSC Student Association monies cannot be used in any way for fundraising or giveaways.
- Receipts for reimbursement must be itemized with the name and address of the vendor, the date of purchase, items purchased, and show that they have been paid.
- The number of participants must be provided for food purchases, and if 10 or less, names must also be provided.
- Requests for reimbursement should be submitted to the HSC Student Affairs Accountant timely. Reimbursements over 120 days may be designated as taxable income.
- If you expenditure doesn't clearly fit the Acceptable Uses of Funds criteria in the Spending Guidelines booklet, contact the Staff Accountant BEFORE you spend the money.
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Registered Student Organizations

Tips and best practices for a successful 2020-2021 academic year.

HSC and University guidelines are fluid and update as new information and statistics become available. Always check **ouhsc.edu/coronavirus** for the latest information as you plan your next event.

Register your RSO

The first step for RSO success is <u>registering your organization with HSC Student Affairs</u>. Not only is it required, it provides your group with additional benefits like free room reservations in the HSC Student Union and event marketing in the HSC Daily News. Additionally, registration allows you to apply for funding through OUHSC SGA.

Zoom - Not Just for Class

Programs/Events: Use Zoom to host your next event! Whether it's discussion panels, meet & greets, performances, or watch parties, Zoom can connect members of your organization. If your event is open to non-members, be sure to <u>add it to the Student Calendar</u> for free promotion!

Meetings, trainings, and workshops: Use Zoom for board meetings, full group meetings, trainings and other events you want to host with your organization. You can even do committee work through breakout rooms!

Socials/Hangout: No formal events planned? No problem. Host an impromptu chat, show each other your pets, or watch a movie together.

Recruit new members: Zoom is great way to host a virtual Meet-and-Greet! Use breakout rooms to split attendees into smaller groups for easy conversation.

In-Person Events

You may find meeting in person works best for your student organization. In-person meetings can be successful by following OUHSC social distancing and masking policies.

What spaces can I reserve to adequately social distance? Registered organizations can book space in and around the HSC Student Union free-of-charge and events/meetings with fewer than 10 guests can be held on campus. Some great spaces to reserve include the HSC Student Union East Patio, Room 262, Room 260, and the Intramural Sports field.

Can we provide food at our meeting? Beakers food court remains open with grab-and-go items and is a great way to feed your group. If you want to utilize catered food, be aware that food delivery services are unable to enter campus buildings. Additionally, food must be served by masked and gloved individuals who count toward your event guest total. For catered food, we recommend designating two RSO members to serve at your meeting.

Looking for Inspiration?

Check out the Student Calendar for upcoming events that follow University policy! Join us for an event or two and see an event in action!

Want to go over your event plans and discover options? We are here to help! Send an email to students@ouhsc.edu to schedule an event planning meeting with HSC Student Affairs!

