



Interest Group Process of Recognition

Any group of students wishing to form an interest group must secure approval from the Student Senate before they can be recognized as an official interest group of Ridgewater College. Membership of all interest groups is open without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, gender identity or sexual orientation.

To secure approval, an interest group must meet the following requirements:

- Have at least 5 members who hold a current student status at Ridgewater College.
- Elect a representative for the interest group to maintain contact with the Student Senate and Student Activities and Wellness Coordinator.
- Submit a written application and list of interest group rules to the Student Senate.
- A representative from the group must appear before the Student Senate and petition orally for approval.
- Approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Student Senate is required.

To maintain active status, an interest group must meet the following requirements:

- Send a representative to meet a minimum of once per semester with the Student Senate and the Student Activities and Wellness Coordinator.
- Keep interest group contact information up to date and inform the Student Senate and Student Activities and Wellness Coordinator of any changes.
- Maintain a membership count of at least 5 members.
- Follow the Ridgewater Code of Conduct.

Responsibilities of Recognized Interest Groups

- Accept responsibility for the supervision and safe operation of all programs, meetings, and events hosted by the interest group.
- One member must be recognized and serve as a representative to the Student Senate.
- Members must hold current student status at Ridgewater College.
- The Interest Group must maintain active and updated files in the Student Life Department.
- The Interest Group must practice non-discrimination in recruiting members and programming, as defined by the Ridgewater College policy and local, state and national statutes.
- All members of the Interest Group must act responsibly as members of the Ridgewater College community.
- Elected representatives must attend 1 (one) meeting each semester with the Student Senate and the Student Activities and Wellness Coordinator.
- Compliance with all College policies and procedures as defined in the Ridgewater College Policy and Procedure website: ridgewater.edu/policies

The College reserves the right to disband any interest group whose members knowingly and willingly violate the policies and regulations of the College or which fails to comply with its own interest group rules.

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Interest Group Application

Interest Group Name: _____

Category:

Mark the category best reflecting the Interest Group's focus. If multiple categories apply, please check all that apply.

- Educational/Program Based
- Service Area
- Hobby
- Leadership Development
- Recreation/Sports
- Social

Description:

What is the purpose of your Interest Group? What would you like to accomplish? What best describes the group?

Student Representative:

Who is the main point of contact for the Student Senate and Student Life?

Name Star ID

Email Phone Number (optional)

Please attach the following to this application:

- A list of current interest group members
- A list of interest group rules

Rules may outline meeting attendance guidelines, meeting etiquette, or other expectations that the Interest Group requires its members uphold. This does not need to be a lengthy document. All Interest Groups are required to follow the Ridgewater Code of Conduct found at ridgewater.edu/policies under "Chapter 3: Educational Policies."

Submit this application to: student.life@ridgewater.edu

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