

TEKNISKA
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STUDENTKÅR

POLICY FOR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Tekniska högskolans studentkår

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Summary

This policy is designed to ensure that THS resources benefit our members. THS activities are aimed at students who are both non-members and members. Therefore, it is desirable that the selection of the activities opened to non-members is not arbitrary but consistent. The policy is intended to reflect current activities and act as a guideline when new activities are introduced.

Background

With the abolition of the obligatory membership, the purpose and conditions of Student Unions have changed. The target group is no longer always all students, but mainly the members of the Student Union. At the same time, a high membership proportion is important in order to give legitimacy to the Student Union and its influence work. There is also a legal responsibility to carry out influence work for all students at KTH, which is why part of the influence work is financed by KTH. However, the goal is 100% membership among students and differentiating between benefits for members and non-members is a tool for achieving this.

Purpose

The policy is a tool for THS Central with the purpose to assist with guidelines for whether an activity is to be offered exclusively to the members of the Student Union, have a prioritization for members or be open to all students. The policy can favorably be viewed as a guideline to Chapters or Student Union Associations but do not regulate them.

Policy for membership benefits

The main principle of benefits is that all benefits that do not concern influence work, and which are financed by THS and not by contributions from KTH, are membership benefits.

The benefits provided by THS can be divided into the following categories:

- Economic benefits and discounts
- Influence
- Engagement
- Facilities

Economic benefits and discounts

Student discounts from the student and student card are given to all students.

Other discounts and benefits are given to members only, as THS adds time and sometimes money to develop and design them. Exceptions may be made for students who are members of another student union to allow for interactions between different institutions.

Influence

Only members have the right to vote and have positions of trust at THS Central, as only members should control the organization.

THS is a support for all students who need help in educational issues towards KTH and THS represents all students in issues of influence.

Engagemang

Membership is required to engage in THS Central operations, regardless of level. Training and internal events financed by THS Central are primarily aimed at members. Other events should, if deemed appropriate, go primarily to members.

The only exception is event financed by KTH, such as receptions where all newly admitted may participate. The motivation is that those who represent THS should stand for our operations which a membership proves.

THS Facilities

Members, Chapters and Student Union Associations can receive subsidized rent in THS own premises. Non-members pay the same price as external books.

Members have access to Nymble during evenings and weekends, provided no event is held at the premise. Non-members only have access to Nymble during daytime on weekdays.