Writing or Revising Organizational Mission Statement & Objectives

All new and returning organizations need to submit a mission statement and a list of objectives with their budget requests. This will enable the Co-Treasurers to make informed decisions and help you ensure your activities align with your goals!

Your organization will submit a mission statement and a list of objectives along with your budget request. This is a great way to make sure that organization leaders have a sense of how their current activities align with their goals and their organization's mission. When you submit your budget request, you will label each activity with the number(s) of the objectives that the activity will promote.

As a student organization, your mission should be targeted primarily to students, represented by students, and should be achievable within the resources available to student organizations. The mission statement should be a clear and focused 2-3 sentence description of your purpose, scope and activities. In addition, your student organization must comply with all local, state and federal laws, and College policies.

SAMPLE MISSION AND OBJECTIVES from Harvard's Chan School of Public Health:

Harvard Chan Black Student Health Organization:

MISSION: The Harvard Chan Black Student Health Organization (BSHO) is a student-run organization that is committed to pursuing issues that affect students from the African Diaspora. BSHO strives to improve the student life at Harvard Chan through service, academic, social, and professional activities and opportunities. In the pursuit of BSHO's mission and objectives, BSHO collaborates with faculty, staff, administration, alumni and other student groups within the Harvard Chan and wider Harvard Community, in addition to community members and organizations.

OBJECTIVES:

- (1) Plan and executive one-time and ongoing opportunities for community service in response to longterm and immediate health-related needs
- (2) Plan and executive activities that promote inclusion and the improvement of student life
- (3) Establish or strengthen relationships with Harvard Chan administrators, faculty, staff, and student affinity groups as well as student affinity groups across the Longwood campus and broader Harvard Community

- (4) Launch independent, mission-driven initiatives that promote members' interests or strengths and that provide opportunities for leadership development

Mental Health Student Alliance:

MISSION: The mission of the Harvard Chan Mental Health Student Alliance (MHSA) is two-fold: (1) To create an academic forum for all students to engage with relevant and current issues in public mental health research, practice and policy; (2) To promote a positive and inclusive environment for student mental health at Harvard Chan.

OBJECTIVES:

- (1) To provide a space where Harvard Chan students with an interest in public mental health can come together to support each other, improve their research and practice, and develop professionally;
- (2) To connect across schools and departments with Harvard students, faculty, staff, and affiliates doing research and practice in the field of public mental health;
- (3) To connect with other mental health-relevant organizations across Harvard's schools and the wider Boston area;
- (4) To promote student mental health including developing a culture of self-care, peer support, and institutional resources.

Native American Student Association:

MISSION: The Harvard Chan Native American Student Organization (NASO) is a collaboration of Harvard School of Public Health students who aim to support Native American (American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian) students in their academic, professional, and personal development in the field of public health. NASO also aims to create safe spaces for conversations around, and raise awareness of, Native American and Indigenous health issues within the wider Harvard Chan School community.

OBJECTIVES:

- (1) To serve as a resource for prospective, current, and former Native American Harvard Chan students, as well as prospective, current, and former Harvard Chan students interested in Native American health issues

- (2) To create space for conversations around, and advocate for greater exposure to Native American health concerns across the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; and
- (3) To connect current Native American students, alumni, and current students and alumni interested in Native American health issues, to provide opportunities for mentorship and professional development for the benefit of both students, alumni and the communities with whom they work.

Mission Statement (Should also be displayed on Organization's profile page):

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Objectives (Format as numbered list):

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Allocation Agreement:

All organizations are required to follow the policies on the Student Engagement Website (link) and the procedures described at Meeting of the Clubs (link to slides/video/task?) as well as all relevant College policies (link to Policies page).

By requesting funding, an organization agrees, according to the Recognized Student Organization Policy (link), to follow these policies and procedures in order to remain in good standing. This includes the following:

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