



Expansion Policy

Article 1 Guidelines of Expansion

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Multicultural Greek Council Ohio State expansion policy shall be:

- A. To open the Multicultural Greek Council at The Ohio State University for expansion/extension to a inter/national, or local cultural/multicultural Fraternity/Sorority recognized and affiliated with an encouraged inter/national umbrella fraternal organization when conditions of interest, space, enrollment, staffing, and other conditions are indicative toward a successful Council expansion/extension effort.
- B. The Multicultural Greek Council is committed to developing fair policies for recognition of inter/national, or local fraternities and sororities as MCGC chapters on this campus. The following procedures outlined herein shall serve to guide an inter/national, or local organization in establishing MCGC member status. They are set forth by the The Ohio State University Multicultural Greek Council as standard requirements; however, the Multicultural Greek Council shall work in accordance with the expansion policies and procedures of the colonizing inter/national, or local organization. The council will endeavor to provide clear, consistent and timely communication with all parties interested in establishing a colony to be recognized as a Multicultural Greek Council organization at The Ohio State University.
- C. To provide specific guidance and support to invited inter/national, or local Fraternities/Sororities.
- D. To ensure that all Council expansion policies are followed during an expansion/extension (hereafter referred to as ‘expansion’ effort).

Section 2. General Information

- A. The Multicultural Greek Council may have up to three (3) colonies at one time.

I. Interests Groups

- a. The interest group, defined by the requirements in these expansion guidelines, must initiate the application process for any inter/national or local organization not previously recognized or currently recognized as an active chapter in MCGC at The Ohio State University. The full application process from interest group to active membership must be aligned with the colonization process and timeline of the national organization standards. Interest groups that do not improve to provisional colony membership after 4 consecutive regular academic terms (not including summer) will require an interest group of 8 members. After 3 consecutive academic years without reaching provisional membership status, the interest group must re-start the interest group process.

II. Re-Colonizing Chapters

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- a. The fraternity/sorority headquarters or graduate chapter of a previously recognized MCGC chapter may initiate the re-application process to become recognized as an MCGC chapter at The Ohio State University.

III. Founding Chapters

- a. Chapter will follow the same procedure of a colonizing chapter, but will have a time limit of 6 consecutive academic terms (not including summer) to complete the process of achieving chapter membership in MCGC.

IV. Formation of the Interest Group

a. Requirements

- i. A minimum of 5 members in the interest group must be enrolled as Undergraduate/Graduate students at the Columbus campus of The Ohio State University.
- ii. All members must maintain academic standards set forth by the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life and have completed at least one semester at The Ohio State University and be in good academic standing with the university.
- iii. The inter/national, or local organization must be culturally/multicultural-based.
- iv. Must follow all policies required by the Office of Student Life
- v. Organization must be in good standing with the Student Code of Conduct in the Office of Student Life

V. Application Process for Provisional Interest Group Status in the Multicultural Greek Council

- i. Provisional Interest Group Status Application Procedures
 - i. Meet with President of MCGC and advisor to discuss the expansion process, the Ohio Union procedures, the Standards of Excellence, and expectations of all involved.
 - ii. Must submit the completed application form for Provisional Status. Contact the president or advisor of the Multicultural Greek Council to obtain an application.
 - iii. All members of the interest group must organize a presentation to the general MCGC membership, as outlined in the application form. Presentation should include: fraternity or sorority history (established fraternities and sororities only), leadership, scholarship, diversity, risk management, community service, philanthropy, and reasons they want to join MCGC.

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Expansion Process

- A. Submit a letter of interest to the president or advisor of the Multicultural Greek Council (MCGC).
- B. Complete an application provided by MCGC Executive Board. Application will then be sent out to each chapter in MCGC and to the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life.
- C. Conduct a presentation for MCGC (including delegates) on the perspective fraternity or sorority that they would like to bring to OSU. The presentation should include information about leadership, scholarship, diversity, risk management, community service, philanthropy, and reasons they want to join MCGC. This presentation should be open to the whole community and take place at a General Body Meeting.
- D. After the presentation Delegates of the Chapters in MCGC will cast an initial vote for acceptance as an Interest Group.
- E. If voted in by the majority of the council, the fraternity/sorority may begin to form as an Interest Group.
 - a. If the majority votes to accept the presenters as an Interest Group they will have four (4) consecutive academic terms (not including summer) to become recognized lettered members of their proposed organization. Interest Groups that do not improve to Colony membership after 4 consecutive regular academic terms will require an interest group of (8) eight members to continue. After two (2) additional academic terms (totaling six (6) without reaching provisional membership status, the interest group must re-start the interest group process.
 - b. If the majority of the council votes to not accept the presenters, MCGC will provide an evaluation with reasons for the council's decision as well as recommendations on how to improve the overall presentation within one week. Another presentation to MCGC can be done the following academic term for a re-evaluation.
 - c. If the majority of the Council votes to not accept the presenters as an Interest Group the University, via the Director of Student Affairs, shall retain the right to veto a Council vote toward or against expansion. Additionally, the Director of Student Affairs shall retain the right to override the Council's final decision of a selected candidate Fraternity/Sorority for reasons that shall be recorded and disclosed within two weeks to the Council. Presenters and MCGC Executive representative should present to the Director of Student Affairs before a decision is made.

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- F. Once an Interest Group has been become lettered members of their perspective organization at OSU, they will be welcomed to MCGC as a probationary member and recognized as a Colony.
- G. Colonies will have 4 consecutive academic terms (not including Summer) to complete requirements and present to receive Chapter status. After two (2) consecutive academic terms (not including summer) Colonies can choose to present and ask to become a Chapter of MCGC. Before presenting Colonies must have completed all Standards of Excellence requirements and any additional requirements mandated by MCGC's Expansion Policy, Constitution, or Bylaws. Delegates of MCGC will then vote a 2nd time for recognition as an active chapter at The Ohio State University.
 - a. If the majority of the Council votes to accept the Colony as a Chapter, the organization will be considered a chapter, effective immediately.
 - b. If the majority of the Council votes to not accept the Colony as a Chapter, MCGC will provide an evaluation with reasons for the council's decision as well as recommendations on how to improve the overall presentation. Another presentation to MCGC can be done the following academic term for a re-evaluation.
 - c. If a Colony does not obtain Chapter status after four (4) consecutive academic terms their membership in MCGC will be terminated and must re-start the interest group process. MCGC will consider exceptions to this policy on an individual and as-needed basis.
 - d. The University, via the Director of Student Affairs, shall retain the right to veto a Council vote toward or against expansion. Additionally, the Director of Student Affairs shall retain the right to override the Council's final decision of a selected candidate Fraternity/Sorority for reasons that shall be recorded and disclosed to the Council within three (3) days.
- H. The requirements that need to be completed within four (4) consecutive academic terms (not including Summer) after becoming recognized members in good standing of their inter/national or local organizations are:
 - i. Sponsor three philanthropy events
 - ii. Sponsor three social events open to the MCGC
 - iii. Sponsor three fundraising events
 - iv. Fulfill the requirements of a colony stated in the Multicultural Greek Councils Bylaws Article II, Section 2, V.
 - v. Pay dues at half the rate of fully recognized members of the Council and meet all other financial obligations incurred by the colony at no discount
 - vi. Attend all council meetings as a non-voting member
 - vii. Fulfill all required Standards of Excellence requirements required by the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life
 - viii. Remain in good standing with the MCGC's Bylaws and Constitution

A formally constituted Greek letter Fraternity/Sorority colony at The Ohio State University will:

- I. Receive the status of University recognition as a student organization. Official recognition by the University provides several advantages, as well as responsibilities, for the organization:

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- A. The opportunity to use designated University facilities for regularly scheduled meetings
 - B. The opportunity to use the student notices section in The Lantern
 - C. The opportunity to use the unrestricted bulletin boards on campus, with the proper registration
 - D. The opportunity to use the non-postage mail service for distribution of materials pertaining to the business of the organization (this service is restricted to on-campus locations)
 - E. The opportunity to request the allocation of students fees through the process designated in the bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Government Association and the Graduate and Professional Student Government Associations
- II. Be required to attend all Council meetings as a non-voting member.
- III. Be required to participate in all Council and Greek related activities.
- IV. Have reasonable access to the Council office and all related supplies and equipments.
- V. Pay dues at half the rate of fully recognized members of the Council and meet all other financial obligations incurred by the colony at no discount.
- VI. Receive University support through Sorority & Fraternity Life afforded all members of the Council.
- VII. Receive recruitment support from Sorority & Fraternity Life staff members.
- VIII. Meet with the Council Executive Board every two weeks, for the purpose of passing on recruitment information and discussing any recruitment-related or internal issues. After the first academic term of colonization, these meetings will be held on an as-needed basis.
- IX. Follow and adhere to the MCGC's Bylaws and Constitution

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Interest Group Application for the Multicultural Greek Council of The Ohio State University

Please answer all questions on the application. Copy the entire application and submit to
The Ohio Union Sorority and Fraternity Life, Attn. Sami Ali

A. General Information

Type or print legibly the answers to the following section.

1. Has your organization ever been here at Ohio State (as a chapter, colony, or Interest Group)
If so, When? _____
2. Will another chapter of your organization help with the chartering of your organization?
 - a. If so, which one? _____
 - b. Where are they located? _____
3. Yearly, what is the total cost of membership dues within your organization for new member
as well as for initiated member? _____
 - a. What do these cost cover? _____
4. What is the average size of your chapters? _____
5. Does your chapter have a National Office? _____
 - a. If so please provide us with the contact information.
Name of National President _____
Address _____

6. Do you have a chapter facility on campus or in the community? _____
 - a. If so, where is it located? _____
 - b. If not, do you have a place you want to obtain in the future? _____

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On a separate sheet of paper, type the answers to the questions in this section in paragraph-style.

7. What is your mission?
8. What unique services and opportunities can your organization provide to the colony to ensure successful operations?
9. Please define your organization's commitment and reasoning for expansion into the OSU community.
10. Please provide contact information for the last three campuses where you have expanded.
11. Please provide contact information for an on-campus and/or off-campus advisor.
12. Please supply a copy of your National Constitution and By-Laws

B. New Member Education & Support

13. What will be the level of support given to new members on-campus and off-campus? _____

14. Do you have alumni support in the area? _____
 - a. If so, how will they be involved? _____

On a separate sheet of paper, type the answers to the questions in this section in paragraph-style.

15. What will the new member education/membership intake process entail? In other words, please provide a plan for new member education and approximately how long it takes to complete.
16. If you have a National Board, how are they involved during the new member education process?
17. What innovative programs will your organization provide to new members?
18. Does the national/international or local board of your organization have a total membership development program and how will it be utilized to produce strong chapter retention rates?
19. Does your national/international or local headquarters sponsor any form of leadership training seminars or conferences?
20. Will you have a professional staff member or volunteer assisting with expansion, if so will they be on campus?

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C. Scholarship

Type or print legibly the answers to the following section.

21. Does your organization have a minimum GPA for membership? _____
- a. If so, what is the GPA required to receive a bid? _____
- b. What is the GPA required to remain in good standing within your chapter?

22. What is your average member GPA? _____

On a separate sheet of paper, type the answers to the questions in this section in paragraph-style.

23. If a member is not performing academically, what steps are initiated in order to improve academic success?
24. What commitment does your organization have in regards to academic achievement? Please provide some specific examples that support your efforts.

D. Risk Management

Type or print legibly the answers to the following section.

25. How many chapters have been closed due to risk management violations in the past year?

On a separate sheet of paper, type the answers to the questions in this section in paragraph-style.

26. If a chapter is found to be in violation of risk management policies, what action(s) will the national/international or local headquarters take?

E. Community Service

On a separate sheet of paper, type the answers to the questions in this section in paragraph-style.

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27. Does your organization have a national/international or local community service project? If, so please describe the event.
28. Does your organization have a national/international or local requirements for the amount of community service needed to be completed every year *by your chapter*? If so, how much?
- a. Does your organization have a national/international or local requirements for the amount of community service needed to be completed every year *by every member*? If so, how much?
29. How might you encourage the chapter to give back to the Ohio State community and further the campus commitment to helping and supporting our neighbors?

F. Expectations

On a separate sheet of paper, type the answers to the questions in this section in paragraph-style.

30. Why do you want to become a chapter of MCGC?
31. What assistance would you like to receive from MCGC?
32. What sets your organization apart from others who might seek to colonize on this campus?

Thank you for submitting your application. A representative from the Multicultural Greek Council will be contacting you within 2-3 weeks.

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**Application for the Multicultural Greek Council of
The Ohio State University**

Name of Organization: _____

Chartering University (if applicable): _____

Name & Email of Advisor: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

SECONDARY CONTACT:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

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I, _____, hereby agree that all information provided on this application is true. If any information proves to be false, I understand that my organization's chartering application and process will be terminated. If the application is rejected due to falsified information, reapplication can take place one (1) year to date of termination. I also understand that filling out this application does not guarantee placement into the Multi-Cultural Greek Council.

Signature: _____

Name (Printed): _____

Date: _____

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