

VSU Student Organization Excellence Program

Objective:

One of the elements of the Student Life's mission is to recognize outstanding achievements by student organizations. This program is centered around recognizing student organizations that actively participate in the VSU community. Additionally, this program seeks to encourage student organizations to attend events that are beneficial in the areas of organizational enrichment, teambuilding, networking, service, and collaboration.

How can my organization earn points?

Organizations can earn points by participating in various events and activities in the following categories: Student Life programs, events and workshops, campus community events, campus leadership events, and organization-specific events.

How will Student Life keep track of points?

For all of the Student Life & campus wide sponsored events, the organization's participation will be tracked electronically. For example, if you register a team for Relay for Life, then Student Life will verify your participation by cross-checking the Relay for Life project team roster. For organization specific events, your organization must provide documentation of completion. Your organization will do this via CampusConnect at the end of the spring semester and fill out an Excellence Application form. It's that simple!

How will organizations be recognized?

Student organizations will be recognized on the following levels, based on the number of points that the organization earns.

- Organization of **Excellence**: 100+ points
- Organization of **Merit**: 75-95 points
- Organization meets **Standard**: 50-70 points
- Organization in **Development**: 0-45 points

In addition, all organizations who achieve **Excellence** status will be recognized in the following methods:

- **Excellence** Award Certificate
- Announced at the Valdosta State **Student Life Awards Ceremony**
- Recognized on the Student Union TVs for the first 2 weeks of school
- Recognized in a *Spectator* ad
- **Free** Ad in the Student Life Organization pamphlet to incoming students
- **Points** for Student Organization Office Space application
- **Points** for the Allocation Fee Funds Committee (if all other requirements are met)
- **Priority** for Student Union Reserve Space

RSVPs

For any events that require the student organization to RSVP, the attendee for that event must email Doel Parrilla at daparrilla@valdosta.edu to RSVP once the registration has opened. If the attendee cannot attend, they must cancel their spot 24 hours in advance. Any student organization that fails to notify of a cancellation will lose RSVP privileges for the next designated event.

Type of Event	Event	Requirement for Credit	Points
Organization Development Events	Fall Organization Meeting	Attended by at least 1 organization officer or representative and 1 advisor	10
	Fall Networking Night RSVP	Attended by at least 1 organization officer or member	10
	Fall Presidents' Council Meeting RSVP	Attended by at least 1 organization officer or designee	10
	Spring Organization Meeting	Attended by at least 1 organization officer or designee	10
	Spring Networking Night RSVP	Attended by at least 1 organization officer or member	10
	Spring Organization Fair RSVP	Attended by at least 1 organization officer or member	10
	Spring Presidents' Council Meeting RSVP	Attended by at least 1 organization officer or designee	10
Student Life Programs	Attend a Success Series Workshop	At least 1 workshop per semester attended by at least 1 organization officer or member	10
	Participate in the Happening Fair	Register & participate as an organization	10
	Homecoming	Organization must register & participate as a team in one of the week's events	5
	Apply for yearly Student Life Awards	Apply for at least 1 award	10
Campus Community Events	VSU Beautification Day (Campus Cleanup)	Organization must register and participate as a team in the event	5
	Relay for Life	Organization must register and participate	5
	Blazer Pantry	Donation of 100 items or more; Sign- Up Sheet	5
	Make a Difference Day	Organization must register and participate	5
	Volunteer Valdosta Day	Organization must register and participate	5
Campus Leadership Events	Valdosta State University Leadership Conference	At least 2 members of organization must participate	5
Organization-Specific Events	Retreat/Teambuilding Session	Event must incorporate elements of either goal setting or team dynamics.	5
	Social Events	Event must be for the purpose meeting/greeting/networking with members.	5
	Collaborative Event	Must host a collaborative event with another student organization.	5
	External Event	Event must be planned by the organization and open to the VSU community	5

Questions?

If you have any questions about the Excellence Program, please e-mail daparrilla@valdosta.edu