

# VSU Excellence Program

(Adopted from Georgia Tech Institute of Technology)

## Objective

One of the elements of the Student Life's mission is to recognize outstanding achievements by student organizations. To help accomplish this, Student Life is introducing the Excellence Program that 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. The following table below describes the ways that each organization can earn points:

## How will Student Life keep track of points?

For all of the events besides the organization-specific events, the organization's participation will be tracked by Student Life. For example, if you register a team for Relay for Life, then Student Life will automatically verify your participation by cross-checking the Relay for Life project team roster. For organization specific events, your organization will need to complete the event memorandum form on the Campus Connect website under "Student Life Organization", available at the end of Spring Semester. So, all your organization needs to do is to go on the CampusConnect website 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**: 75-100 points
- Organization meets **Standard**: 50-75 points
- Organization **Development**: 0-50 points

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

- Announced at the Valdosta State Student Life Awards Ceremony
- Recognized in a Spectator ad
- Points for Office Space
- Priority for Student Union Reserve Space
- Excellence Award Certificate
- Free Ad in the Student Life Organization handout to incoming students
- Points to for the Allocation Fee Funds Committee (if all other requirement are meet)
- and more benefits to come!

## Questions?

If you have any questions about the Excellence Program, please e-mail [daparrilla@valdosta.edu](mailto:daparrilla@valdosta.edu)

<b>Type of Event</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Requirement for Credit</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Organization Development Events</b>	Fall Organization Meeting	Attended by at least 1 organization officer or representative and 1 advisor	10
	Fall Networking Night	Attended by at least 1 organization officer or members	10
	Fall Presidents' Council Meeting	Attended by at least 1 organization officer or representative	10
	Spring Networking Night	Attended by at least 1 organization officer or representative	10
	Spring Organization Fair	Attended by at least 1 organization officer or members	10
	Spring Presidents' Council Meeting	Attended by at least 1 organization officer or representative	10
<i>Student Life Programs</i>	Attend a Success Series Workshop	At least 1 workshop per semester attended by at least 1 organization officers or members	10
	Participate in the Happening Fair	Participate in assigned day of Involvement Fair	10
	Homecoming	Organization must participate and register as a team in one of the week's events	5
	Apply for yearly Student Life Awards	Apply for at least 1 award	10
<i>Campus Community Events*</i>	VSU Beautification Day	Organization must participate and register as a team in the event	5
	Relay for Life	Organization must participate and register	5
	Blazer Pantry	Donation of 100 items or more	5
	Make a Difference Day	Organization must participate and register	5
	Volunteer Valdosta Day	Organization must participate	5
<i>Campus Leadership Events*</i>	Valdosta State University Leadership Conference	At least 2 members of organization participate	5
<i>Organization-Specific Events</i>	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