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SSA Affiliate Status Requirements	SSA Chapter Status Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must be at a high school or a college/university in the US or internationally. ● Participation in SSA Affiliation Renewals twice a year. ● Must have a group email address and a public group web presence (a group email address can be provided by SSA if you would like). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must be at an American college or university, and must be a recognized student group by your campus. ● Participation in SSA Affiliation Renewals twice a year. ● Must have a group email address and a public group web presence. ● Submission of your group's membership roster* (names and email addresses) with Affiliation Renewals twice a year. ● Groups who become SSA chapters after 7/1/2017 must use SSA branding to qualify.**

* A roster contains at least 5 group members.

** Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis

SSA Affiliation FAQ

Who is eligible to be an SSA chapter?

- Any current, or new, SSA affiliate groups who are at an American college or university.
- College-level groups who includes their group roster in their Affiliation Renewal will automatically gain chapter status upon renewing. Your roster can also be submitted at any time outside of Renewals as well.
- Any affiliates at an American high school may be evaluated for chapter status on a case-by-case basis.

Are there any additional requirements to be a chapter?

- Aside from the basic requirements that all affiliates must meet, the only additional requirement on chapters is to provide a [group membership roster](#), containing at least 5 names (and email addresses) twice an academic year.
- If your group chooses to share SSA National's 501c3 non-profit status, you must also provide [all required documentation to the SSA and to the IRS](#).

My group is not currently recognized by our school or campus, can we still be a chapter?

- In most cases, your group will only be eligible for affiliate status if it is not recognized by your school. If your group gains official recognition, you can then seek to become a chapter.
- We are always happy to work with you on any unique situations and handle them on a case-by-case basis. For example, if your group is at a religious campus that will not offer official recognition, let us know! We'll be happy to work with you regarding any situation that might prevent group recognition.

My group is not in the US, can we be a chapter?

- Currently, we only offer chapter status to groups within the USA. We can only offer limited support to [international groups](#) who choose to be SSA affiliates.

What do you do with the information provided in my group's roster?

- Your members will receive SSA memberships (which are free to students), and we will *never* give or trade your contact information with any other organizations.
- SSA memberships bring [many benefits](#) with them for students in your group, in addition to all the services and resources that your group can access by being an SSA chapter.

I'm not sure how to make a group email address, can you help?

- Yes, we'd be happy to help! We can create an [automatic email forward](#) for your group if you would prefer not to manage your own group email account and deal with passwords and such.

What counts as a public web presence?

- Most SSA groups use a Facebook group and/or page. This is most often the easiest way to maintain a web presence and interact with your members and the general public. Please keep in mind that private and .edu Facebook groups do not meet this requirement.
- If you prefer not to use Facebook, you may also provide a web presence to another service, such as GroupSpaces, a blog, or a similar web page. Find more suggestions on [what works and what doesn't here](#).

My group does not use the SSA name and logo, can we still be a chapter?

- Your group may keep your non-SSA name and branding, and still become an SSA chapter, if you were affiliated with SSA National prior to July 1, 2017. All new chapters added after that date will be required to take advantage of the [SSA branding program](#).
- If your group chooses to retain SSA affiliate status, you will always be able to use non-SSA branding without any concerns.