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Student Bar Association and Student Organization Academic Eligibility Policy

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Related policies: None.

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A. Student Bar Association

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is an organization for all Southwestern Law School students. Every enrolled student at Southwestern is automatically a member of the SBA.

The SBA’s primary purpose is to provide, protect, and promote student interests. The SBA continually seeks new ways to respond to students’ needs and interests and strives to represent Southwestern students effectively to the faculty and legal community.

To fulfill its mission, the SBA sponsors speaker programs and social and cultural events. The SBA also provides special services and sponsors club activities on and off campus.

B. Student Organizations

The SBA may organize and charter student organizations, including legal fraternities, affinity and special interest groups, and religious and social organizations. Student organizations chartered by the SBA, known as officially registered student organizations, are eligible to receive a budget and other benefits.

Together, the SBA and the officially registered student organizations provide workshops, social mixers, volunteer opportunities, symposia, and special lecture presentations to meet diverse student interests. Visit <http://www.swlaw.edu/student-life/student-organizations> for a listing of currently active, officially registered student organizations and more information about the SBA.

C. Student Leader Eligibility

The following are the minimum eligibility requirements for any student to hold a

leadership position (e.g., President, Vice President, Secretary, etc.) in an officially registered student organization at Southwestern:

1. Must be enrolled in a degree-seeking program (J.D., LL.M., etc.) at Southwestern;
2. Must have a minimum 2.330 grade point cumulative academic average; and
3. Non-SCALE J.D. students cannot serve in a leadership position of an officially registered student organization until they complete their first year in law school; SCALE students cannot serve in a leadership position of an officially registered student organization until they complete two periods.

A student who has been found responsible for violating Southwestern's Sexual Misconduct Policy or Student Honor Code may not be eligible to hold a leadership position in an officially registered student organization.

Other Southwestern organizations and the Honors Programs may have different GPA requirements for students to participate.

D. Policy Revisions

Southwestern expressly reserves the right to change or modify any aspect of this policy at any time, with or without notice.