



Please include the following items when submitting your charter:

Petition for Charter /Agreement to sponsor/Acceptance of leadership

Charter Member Roster

Please send all pieces together. A charter cannot be processed until all items are received. Thank you.

PETITION FOR CHARTER- Key Club International

Key Club International is a student-led service organization for high school students. Key Club International was originally developed by and is modeled after, **Kiwanis International**, a global network of men and women serving the children of the world. **The stated purpose** of Key Club is to develop leadership through service to the school and community.

Proposed name of club: For a school-based club, the club name must include the name of the school. For a community-based club, the club name must be descriptive of the geographic or community setting.

KEY CLUB OF:

(Please print, allowing one letter, numeral or space to a box - recommended maximum of 30 characters)

Kiwanis District Name: _____ Kiwanis Division: _____

Key number **(re-charters only): H** _____

This petition is intended to be the unifying document by which the school/community organization and Kiwanis sponsor agree to meet the requirements of forming and operating an active Key Club. Proper completion and submission of this petition with club bylaws along with proper payment is the prerequisite for chartering by Kiwanis International.

Instructions for petitioning:

1. The Kiwanis sponsor of record must complete, in its entirety, page two of this petition. In the case of a co-sponsor, the second Kiwanis sponsor of record must complete and attach a separate copy of page two.
 2. The school administration must complete page three of this petition. Only one Key Club charter is allowed per school.
 3. The member leaders, duly elected by the Key Club members, must complete the Acceptance of Leadership form and the Standard Form for Key Club Bylaws and return with chartering paperwork.
 4. The accompanying membership information form must be completed, listing all charter members by name, and providing accompanying membership information for each. A minimum of 11 members is required to charter. Use additional sheets as necessary. **(Note: Kiwanis International maintains these names and information for organizational use only. At no time will Kiwanis International provide membership list to outside organizations.)**
 5. Upon completion of the petition with club bylaws, **mail completed the following items: petition for charter, club bylaws, membership roster and new club fee payment. Pay by check or money order to: Kiwanis International, ATTN: Service Leadership Programs Chartering, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268, USA. Pay by credit card over the phone, 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 125).** Contact Kiwanis International with any questions at 1-800-KIWANIS, ext 411 or slpcharter@kiwanis.org.
 6. **Allow at least 4 to 6 weeks** for processing and return of official charter certificate and materials.
- New club fee: US\$400 (charter kit includes gavel/gavel block, pins, membership cards and additional resources)

The standard charter kit provides a personalized gavel and gavel block. Please visit the Key Club store online if you wish to purchase a traditional gong and felt Key Club banner.

If you qualify under the Kiwanis Tier Dues Structure, contact slpcharter@kiwanis.org to determine charter fees.

FOR OFFICE USE: Key #: _____ District: _____ Membership: _____

AGREEMENT TO SPONSOR A KEY CLUB: A sponsoring organization is not required, but is highly encouraged. If there is no sponsoring organization, then the school or host site agrees to accept this additional role.

Kiwanis Club of _____ Key number _____

Kiwanis district _____ Kiwanis division # _____

| Notified Kiwanis International to assist locating a sponsoring Kiwanis club but no Kiwanis club is available for sponsorship.

Please include reason(s) for not locating a Kiwanis sponsor: _____

This Kiwanis club hereby petitions that Kiwanis International issue a new club charter for a Key Club at the school/site specified on page three of this petition. The Kiwanis club agrees to annually support the following Requirements of Sponsorship for the Key Club:

1. Appoint a Kiwanis advisor to the club and ensure he/she receives adequate orientation.
2. Ensure the advisor attends every meeting or event.
3. Maintain an expense line item in the Kiwanis club's service account to support the activities of the Key club.
4. Meet with the school principal or organization manager before the beginning of the school year.
5. Ensure all dues and fees are paid.
6. Ensure club officers receive proper training following election.
7. Hold a planning session involving the leadership of the Kiwanis club and the Key club officers.
8. Host or participate in joint activities involving the membership of the Key Club and the Kiwanis club.
9. Invite Key Club members to attend sponsoring Kiwanis club meetings.
10. Ensure Key Club members are provided training opportunities beyond the club level.

In addition, the Kiwanis club agrees to appoint an active committee of members to support the Key Club and designate one member as the Kiwanis advisor to the Key Club (print below):

Kiwanis advisors to any sponsored Service Leadership Program will be required to have a criminal background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.

Advisor _____ Member # (if a Kiwanian) _____

Mailing Address (No PO Boxes) _____

E-mail Address _____ Telephone _____ Fax _____

The ten requirements of sponsorship should be read to the membership of the Kiwanis club at a regular meeting. The signatures affixed below indicate the acceptance of responsibilities of sponsorship by the Kiwanis sponsor of record, and further indicate the commitment of the Kiwanis sponsor to provide continuing support for the Key Club, its members and the school. It also is understood that if the school/site shall request, in writing, that the charter be relinquished, Kiwanis International has the right to cancel or revoke the charter. In such instance, the Kiwanis club shall forfeit any rights or claim to the Key Club charter or the school/site. **The charter certificate and club materials will be mailed to the Kiwanis club advisor at the address shown above.**

In the event the leadership of two Kiwanis clubs intends to co-sponsor the new Key Club, a copy of this form must be completed and signed by each Kiwanis club. Both forms should be submitted at the time of chartering.

Signatures of Kiwanis club officers:

Signature _____
Kiwanis Club President

Signature _____
Kiwanis Club Secretary

Print name _____

Print name _____

Date _____

Date _____

AGREEMENT TO SPONSOR A KEY CLUB

By the school (or community-based organization*)

School/Organization Name _____ Telephone _____

Address (No PO Boxes) _____

Website _____ Fax _____

If school, type of school: Private Public If US school, NCES school ID: _____
(NCES School IDs can be found at: <http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator/>)

If community based, what type of community organization is co-sponsoring:

BGCA Community Center Home school site/home Church/Synagogue Other: _____

School information:

Number of charter members: _____ Grade level(s) of members _____

This school/organization hereby petitions that Kiwanis International issue a new club charter for a Key Club to be sponsored by the sponsoring organization of record shown herein. The school/organization agrees to provide the following terms of sponsorship to support the Key Club:

1. Provide a faculty advisor (**print below**), designated by the school administration, to advise and counsel the Key Club, attend all meetings of the club, and ensure the club abides by the regulations of the school and all other local, state/provincial, and/or federal laws:

Faculty Advisor: _____ Email: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

2. Ensure the Key Club conducts service-related projects and activities within the school and community.

***Community-based Club**

In the event a school will not allow the organization of a Key Club, a community-based organization with facilities for meeting and appropriate staff for club advisement may be substituted in place of the school. Such a Key Club must bear a name that represents the community in which it exists. A staff member or parent must be substituted for and act as the faculty advisor to the club. For a community-based club, this page of the petition should be completed on behalf of the organization.

The signatures affixed below indicate the acceptance of responsibilities set forth in the terms of sponsorship (shown above) by the school administration, and further indicate the commitment of the school/organization to provide continuing support for the Key Club and its members. It also is understood that, at such time the school/organization shall request, in writing, that the charter be relinquished, Kiwanis International has the right to cancel or revoke the charter. In the case that the Kiwanis sponsor shall no longer be able or willing to act as sponsor of record, Kiwanis International may choose to seek new Kiwanis sponsorship for the Key Club.

Signatures of school officials:

Signature _____
Principal/Organization Administrator

Signature _____
Faculty Advisor

Print name _____

Print name _____

Date _____

Date _____

Note: Charter Member Roster is a separate Excel/PDF document.

ACCEPTANCE OF LEADERSHIP: By the Key Club Officers

We, the elected officers of the Key Club, agree to accept and uphold the following items as leaders of Key Club.

Motto:

Caring—Our Way of Life

Pledge:

I pledge, on my honor, to uphold the Objects of Key Club International; to build my home, school and community; to serve my nation and world; and combat all forces which tend to undermine these institutions.

Core Values:

The core values of Key Club International are leadership, character building, caring and inclusiveness.

Objects:

To develop initiative and leadership.

To provide experience in living and working together.

To serve the school and community.

To cooperate with the school principal.

To prepare for useful citizenship.

To accept and promote the following ideals:

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and application of higher standards in scholarship, sportsmanship and social contacts.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render unselfish service and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

We also certify the club membership has adopted the Standard Form for Club Bylaws and that we will, to the best of our abilities, operate this club within the guidelines established within these bylaws. We agree to abide by school regulations and local, state/provincial, and federal laws. We commit ourselves to the creation of service and leadership opportunities within this school and community.

Signatures of Key Club officers:

Officer

Print name

Signature

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer
