

RSO VS. CLP

Registered Student Organization (RSO)

A voluntary association composed primarily of students that is **not controlled by the University** but, upon completion of the established registration process, may conduct activities at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.



Independent and autonomous from the University and are responsible for managing their own affairs. Students are responsible for an RSO's operations and actions.

Their names may not imply that they are part of the University, affiliated with or controlled by it. RSOs shall not use the name "University of Minnesota," any abbreviation thereof, the University wordmark, or the word "Gopher" as part of the name of the organization. RSOs may use the word "University" or the geographical designation "at the University of Minnesota."

Maintain independent financial accounts outside the University. RSOs shall independently secure and maintain banking services through a service provider of their choice. All accounts should be opened and maintained under a Tax ID # (or EIN-Employee ID #) specific to the group. RSOs are not permitted to operate their finances via the University's financial system.

RSOs do not have access to the University's tax-exempt status and may not use the University tax identification number. Student groups seeking tax-exempt status must file on their own behalf with the state of Minnesota and/or the Internal Revenue Service.

Campus Life Program (CLP)

A voluntary association composed primarily of students whose activities, operations, and decision-making processes **are directly governed by University academic or administrative departments**, and for which the University is ultimately responsible.



Must be sponsored by a University of Minnesota academic or administrative department and have a designated University faculty or staff advisor. The CLP and its advisor must be approved annually by the dean or department head.

CLPs are subject to the oversight of the University and must use an official unit wordmark combination as approved by their parent department and University Relations.

Groups registering as a CLP must also upload a completed CLP Advisor Letter with signatures from their department advisor and department head.

CLPs are not permitted to maintain financial accounts (including checkbooks) outside of their sponsoring University department.

CLPs are required to list their sponsoring department in their dissolution procedures.

For more details: z.umn.edu/sghandbook