Program Overview
The Student Training and Rewards System (STARS) is a voluntary program designed to challenge Temple University student organization members through increased opportunities for leadership and organizational development. Organizations will receive new rewards for each level of challenges met. In order to earn STARS rewards, organization members will participate in activities that are designed to help them learn, grow, and achieve success.

STARS Learning Outcomes:
- help your student organization achieve its goals;
- ensure that you are aware of important university policies, procedures, and resources;
- promote responsibility, respect, and positive experiences through student organizations;
- create learning opportunities outside the classroom;
- encourage collaboration between student organizations and other Temple University offices and departments;
- grant access to programs and services that will support organizations; and
- train student leaders in techniques to help student organizations run more effectively and successfully.

Organizations and leaders will benefit as a result of active participation in the STARS initiative. Student leaders will develop leadership knowledge and skills while student organizations will receive added rewards for dedication to the program. This includes additional recognition and promotion by Student Activities, the opportunity to collaborate with other Temple University offices and departments, and perks or discounts for Student Activities' events.

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Office of Leadership Development provides leadership education and training to equip young adults to be thoughtful and inspiring leaders both on and off campus. Its three main initiatives include Diamond Leaders, Student Leadership Challenge, and Academic Connections. Students can apply to be a part of the Diamond Leaders program upon earning 50 Leadership Diamond Points or more through participation in various Student Leadership Challenge programs.

Students are offered the opportunity to attend designated STARS workshops and earn Leadership Diamond Points by doing so! Eligible workshops will have "Leadership Diamond Points" clearly stated in the workshop description on the STARS Calendar.

For more information, please visit www.temple.edu/studentleadership or send an email to level@temple.edu.
PARTICIPATION

- Participation in STARS’s voluntary, all-registrant organization (excluding fraternities and sororities) are eligible for one-star awards and can earn more rewards through increasing participation.
- Organization officers must participate in the Student Org Basics workshop series required for all registered organizations in September. These three workshops do count toward the two-star rewards Workshop challenge.
- Student organizations should review the STARS challenges carefully and set goals to participate each year.
- Student organizations are responsible for tracking their own progress through STARS using the STARS Tracker. Periodic STARS Tracker checks are encouraged to ensure goals are progressing according to the guidelines.
- If you have questions, you can always meet with the Program Coordinator for Student Organizations in Student Activities or another member of Student Activities staff.

REWARDS

To redeem rewards, organizations should contact Student Activities and indicate which rewards you want to receive.

MAINTENANCE

STARS requires annual participation to maintain your organization’s STARS status. STARS Rewards rollover from year to year, but progress resets each summer. For example, if an org earned 4 STAR Rewards in the middle of the spring semester, it will start receiving those rewards as soon as the STARS Tracker is submitted to Student Activities and approved. For the rest of that semester, the org is eligible for 4 STAR Rewards. In the fall, the org starts the year with 4 STAR Rewards, but their progress will start back at the 4 STARS Challenges.

Maintenance isn’t as difficult as it seems because organizations naturally repeat certain activities on a yearly basis (such as Events and Collaborations). An organization’s Statement of Inclusion or Transition Binder can be retained and revised from year to year, without rewriting completely.

AUDIT

Organizations can submit their completed STARS Tracker at any time throughout the year to advance to a higher STARS status. The final deadline for submission of STARS Trackers is April 1, 2026 for 3 and 4 STARS and April 2, 2026 for a 5 STARS status. Organizations who do not maintain the current STARS status will fall to a relevant lower status. In order to maintain a STARS status, student organizations also must adhere to:

- all Student Activities policies, including but not limited to mandatory meeting attendance, re-registration, travel, high risk programs, The Village, and notification of changes to the organization;
- all Student Center Operations policies, including but not limited to space reservations, maintenance of recorded space, and notification of VP status individuals at events; and
- all Temple Student Government allocations policies including but not limited to deadlines, payments, and GAF guidelines.

Violations of policies may result in a loss of STARS status. Determinations will be made on a case by case basis.

STARS CHALLENGES AND REWARDS

One Star Rewards

Challenges:

- **Annual Re-registration:** Complete our Annual Student Organization Re-Registration process during the month of April. This process is used to ensure that Student Activities has the correct information for your organization for the following academic year.
- **Student Org Basics:** Correctly answer, on the first try, 96% of questions on the quizzes linked to the three online workshops in the Student Org Basics series.

**Rewards:**

- An individual, customizable page to promote the organization on Owl Connect.
- Eligibility to request meeting or event space on campus through Student Center Operations.
- Eligibility to request up to $50 in Temple Student Government Allocations.

Two Star Rewards

Challenges:

- Complete all one star challenges, PLUS:
- **Events:** Plan at least one program or event per year and advertise the event on the Owl Connect Event Calendar.

**Rewards:**

- **Officer Workshops:** Organization officers should select at least six workshops to attend on behalf of their student organization per year. Three of the workshops must come from the “STARS: Leadership” category and three must come from the “STARS: Inclusion” category on Owl Connect’s Events calendar.
- **Reflection Seminar:** Send at least one officer to participate in this hands-on Reflection Seminar.

Three Star Rewards

Challenges:

- Complete all one and two star challenges, PLUS:
- **Collaboration:** Collaborate with at least one other on-campus student organization or university department to host a program. Upload a Collaboration Form under the Documents section of Owl Connect after the program.
- **Inclusive Leadership:** Send one officer to participate in an Inclusive Leadership workshop and submit a Statement of Inclusion under the Documents section of Owl Connect.

**Rewards:**

- Buy one day, get the second day **FREE** at TempleFest.
- Eligibility to apply for space in The Village.
- Eligibility to receive Student Activities’ End of Year Awards.
- Free room set up (not including linens, sound, lights or catering) for one event in the Student Center.
- Eligibility to apply for Kaleidoscope Fund.

Four Star Rewards

Challenges:

- Complete all one, two, and three star challenges, PLUS:
- **SWOT Meeting:** Schedule a “SWOT Meeting” with the Program Coordinator of Student Organizations, any time throughout the year before the final Audit deadline in April.
- **General Member Workshops:** Encourage two general members to attend at least one workshop on behalf of their student organization during the year.
- **Reflection Seminar:** Send at least one officer to participate in the Reflection Seminar.

**Rewards:**

- Two-hour advanced access to request reservations from Student Center Operations for the upcoming semester on Study Day. (See PM on December 7, 2025 and April 21, 2026)
- Free to the purchase of approved student organization t-shirts, tablecloth, or a vinyl sign (while funding is available).
- Promotion of your organization during summer orientations sessions presented by Student Activities.
- Recognition each September in an advertisement in The Temple News.