



2021-2022

Elections Procedures & Candidate Forms

International Office Endorsement

This document contains the policies, procedures, and sample forms relating to the endorsement of candidates for the Key Club International Office. Complete this form online before printing. Where requested, information must be typed or it will not be accepted.

Please read and sign the Election Rules & Regulations before completing this form.

Scan and email all completed forms to:
Elections and Credentials Chair – Ari Barbella-Blaha
Elections@FloridaKeyClub.org



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Campaign Rules for District Office Candidates Elected at DCON

1. Campaigning may only take place during Spring Zone Rallies and after the candidates meeting at District Education and Leadership Conference (DCON).
2. An individual wishing to campaign for this office must submit the following forms to the District Administrator or their designee no later than **one week** prior to the first campaign event at which they wish to campaign:
 - a. Service Agreement
 - b. Attendance, Travel, and Posting Authorization
 - c. Code of Conduct
 - d. Board Member Contact Information
3. All travel, whether related to campaigns, conferences, Spring Zone Rallies, KCKC's, or any other Key Club event must comply with the Key Club International's Policies (or the approval of the District Administrator or designee).
4. No candidate shall seek endorsement or votes from any club (other than the home club), division, or zone for the purpose of a campaign outside of approved campaign events. Candidates may contact individual Key Club members for the purpose of asking for campaign staff members.
5. Candidates may submit Campaign Staff Forms no later than the Candidates' Meeting during DCON.
6. Campaign Staff will be limited to a campaign manager and a nominator. The campaign manager and nominator may be the same person, and they will both join the candidate in caucus sessions.
7. The campaign staff and each candidate must be present at the "Candidates Meeting" prior to the opening session of the DCON. If a member of the campaign staff does not attend the meeting, they must be replaced.
8. Candidates may not spend any money or use any donated items for campaign purposes.
9. To be included in the Candidates' Book, a candidate must submit all candidate forms to the Elections Advisor and a campaign flyer to the Elections Chair by **March 1st**
10. Only Key Club members are allowed to participate in the election process, except for adults appointed by the District Administrator to supervise, oversee, or otherwise conduct the election.
11. Under no circumstances will a past, current or future International and/or District Board member be involved in any district campaign other than their own.
12. There will be no campaign advertising in the DCON Program Book or on social media.
13. No candidate is permitted to perform in the competition portion of the Talent Show or Oratorical Contest at DCON.

Failure to comply with the above rules may render the candidate ineligible for office at the discretion of the Elections Violations Committee.



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Service Agreement for Candidates Seeking International Office

I, _____, do hereby declare myself willing to assume to duties and responsibilities of the office of Key Club International _____ for the upcoming Key Club year, and therefore request the opportunity for endorsement.

Key Clubbers who wish to seek the Office of International President, Vice-President, or Trustee must receive the endorsement of their Districts. To seek endorsement, a Key Clubber must first file the required forms with the District Administrator or his designee. A Key Clubber who wishes to seek the endorsement of the Florida District for their campaign for International President, Vice President, or Trustee must:

- 1. Read the responsibilities listed in the Key Club International Constitution and Bylaws.
2. Be familiar with the policies of Key Club International and the Florida District of Key Club.
3. Request the appropriate information from Key Club International.
4. Complete and submit all required forms to Key Club International on time.
5. Attend the Florida District Education and Leadership Conference in Orlando April 8-11, 2021.
6. Attend the key Club International Convention in Orlando, FL, July 8-11, 2021 and help plan and preside at the 2022 Key Club International Convention (TBD).
7. Attend (3) International Board Meetings and District Conventions as assigned.

To receive the endorsement of the Florida District, the candidate must receive at least fifty percent plus one affirmative vote of the House of Delegates meeting at the District Education and Leadership Conference.

I have read and agree to fulfill the responsibilities of the office I am seeking. I feel that my background and experience in Key Club and in other school organizations are such that I can perform the duties and responsibilities of the office.

Signature of Candidate _____ Date _____

I have read the responsibilities of an International officer and agree to support my son/daughter in these endeavors, which I understand will include time and may include financial commitments.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Print name _____ Date _____

Relationship to Student _____

Signature of Faculty Advisor or School Administrator _____ Print name _____ Date _____

Title _____



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Permission to Travel

Acceptable Modes of Transportation:

Key Club Members attending or traveling to any Key Club function or event, or traveling in their capacity as a Key Club member or officer shall be limited to the following modes of transportation:

- 1. If air travel is required, said travel is limited to commercial airlines;
2. If bus or rail travel is required, said travel is limited to properly licensed commercial bus or rail services, except that the sponsoring school and/or entity may provide their own school bus or school bus-comparable transportation;
3. Travel in excess of 10 hours per day shall require an overnight stop;
4. Board members may use personal vehicles, but this requires said board member to have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian that gives permission for this board member to travel to the event.
The only exception to these requirements is where a parent or guardian personally transports the member and assumes all risk and liability in said transportation.

(Candidates Name): _____ has our permission to travel to the Spring Zone Rallies, which occur over several weekends from mid-January through March 2021.

He/she will be traveling with (circle one).

Adult Key Club Committee member

Parent / guardian

Other (explain): _____

By signing below, we state that we understand and agree that this board member will abide by the limitations set in the "Acceptable Modes of Transportation" section. We also understand and agree that this board member's picture and school will be used in Florida District of Key Club materials including but not limited to the official Florida District of Key Club International website directory, and the publication The Sunshine Source. We also understand and agree that overnight housing for board meetings usually consist of four students of the same gender per room with two double/full or larger beds. Students not wishing to sleep in the same bed as another student are welcome to pay for another type of room or to sleep in another part of the room.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Print name _____ Date _____

Relationship to Student _____

Signature of Faculty Advisor or School Administrator _____ Print name _____ Date _____

Title _____



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Code of Conduct

Name: _____

School: _____

Key Club members, adult advisors and invited guests are expected to demonstrate behavior consistent with the high ideals of Key Club and should abide by the provisions of this code while in attendance at any Key Club International event. Every member will respect the authority of the Sergeant-at-Arms Committee, Key Club administrators and designated staff.

Responsible behavior

1. All participants are required to abide by all government laws and regulations.
2. Members must respect the personal property of others as well as the property of any meeting or lodging facility. The placing of signs or messages on the windows of the hotel rooms is prohibited. No material may be affixed to any hotel walls. Any damage caused by a member must be paid for by that member.
3. Members may not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages.
4. Members may not possess or use any drugs or other controlled substance, with the exception of medication prescribed for that member.
5. Members may not possess or use tobacco or marijuana products including prescription marijuana.
6. Members are expected to abstain from any activity of a sexual nature.
7. Members are required not to tolerate hazing or any action that creates unnecessary physical or mental discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule of others.
8. Members may not possess weapons, firecrackers or anything of a dangerous nature or act in any way unbecoming of a Key Clubber.

Lodging

1. Members staying in a hotel or other lodging facility must sleep in their assigned room.
2. Female members are not allowed in the room of any male member, and male members are not allowed in the room of any female member.
3. Male and female members may be present together in hospitality suites when an adult chaperone is present.
4. All members are required to abide by a curfew beginning at midnight and lasting until 5 a.m. unless otherwise specified by the hotel. No Key Clubber shall be allowed on balconies after curfew.

5. Items within this section may be modified by the Key Club International Board with approval from the Key Club International Director.

Dress code

1. All participants are required to abide by the designated dress code for each session.
2. "Professional" refers to dress shirt, slacks, necktie, sport or suit coat and appropriate shoes for boys; and dress or suit, skirt or slacks, blouse and appropriate shoes for girls.
3. "Business casual" refers to slacks, collared shirt and appropriate shoes for boys; and slacks, skirt or skort, blouse or collared shirt and appropriate shoes for girls.
4. "Casual" refers to shorts or jeans, collared shirts, sweatshirts, or appropriate T-shirts and casual footwear for boys; and shorts, skirt, skort, or jeans, collared shirt, sweatshirt, or appropriate T-shirt and casual footwear for girls.
5. At no time will any clothing with inappropriate language or graphics be allowed. Any shirts, shorts or skirts deemed to be of inappropriate length will not be allowed.
6. All participants are required to wear name badges and wrist bands while on site.

Enforcement

1. Violations of this code will result in notification to the respective district administrator and event chaperone.
2. Violations involving destruction of property, possession, consumption or use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances will result in dismissal of the attendee from the event.
3. Notification, in writing, will be made by the Key Club District Administrator or his/her representative, to the school, Kiwanis sponsor and parents of any member disciplined under this section.
4. These rules are effective as of the time you arrive at this event, until the time you depart.

Photo Release

I understand that my child's image or likeness may be recorded. I grant the Florida District of Key Club International the absolute and irrevocable right and permission, to use or publish photographs, videotapes/film, audio recordings, or any other media that Florida District of Key Club International may take of my child or in which my child may be included with others, in any and all media now or hereafter known, and for any legitimate purpose whatsoever, and to use my child's name in connection therewith if the Florida District of Key Club International so chooses. I waive any right to inspect or approve the images or any finished version incorporating the same. Please make two copies of this form: one for event registration and one for the chaperone.

I have read and I understand the Code of Conduct. I understand that a violation of certain provisions of these rules may result in dismissal from the event.

Parent / Guardian: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Contact Information

All Candidates for All Positions Must Complete

Complete this form online before printing. All information must be typed or it will not be accepted.

Office Sought: _____

Key Club Member Number (required): _____

Name as you wish it listed on official publications: _____

Gender (check one): Female Male Age: _____ Date of Birth (M/D/YYYY): _____

Division: _____ Zone: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Home Address: _____, _____, FL _____

Your cell phone number: _____ Home phone number: _____

Personal E-mail address: _____

Sponsoring Kiwanis Club: _____ School: _____

Mother/Step-mother name: _____ Mother/Step-mother's cell phone: _____

Father/Step-father name: _____ Father/Step-father cell phone: _____