



2024-2025

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:
Governance Chair – Ava Havidic
elections@floridakeyclub.org



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Campaign Rules for International Office Endorsement at DCON

1. 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
2. All travel, whether related to campaigns, conferences, Zone Rallies, KCKC's or any other Key Club event must comply with the Key Club International's Policies and with the written approval of the District Administrator.
3. 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.
4. Candidates may submit Campaign Staff Forms no later than the Candidates' Meeting during DCON.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Candidates may not spend any money or use any donated items for campaign purposes.
8. 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**.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. There will be no campaign advertising in the DCON App or on social media.
12. 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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Declaration of Candidacy for Endorsement to International Office

I, _____, do hereby declare myself as a candidate for the endorsement to the Key Club International board at the District Conference.

Please circle below which International Office you will be seeking:

Trustee

Vice-President

President

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. Follow the Code of Conduct throughout the Florida District Education and Leadership Conference.
4. Complete and submit all required forms to Key Club International on time.
5. Attend the Florida District Education and Leadership Conference in Daytona Beach, Florida, April 18-21, 2024
6. Attend the Key Club International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, July 10-14, 2024

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 agreed 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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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 expected 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 or convention center rooms is prohibited. No material may be affixed to any hotel or convention center 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 prescribed medications.
5. Members may not possess or use tobacco or marijuana products, including, but not limited to smokeless tobacco, vaping pens, and JUULs.
6. Members are expected to abstain from any activity of a sexual nature.
7. Members are expected to not 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.

Enforcement

1. Violations of this Code will result in notification to the respective district administrator and event chaperone.
2. Violations such as, but not limited to, 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 District Administrator or their 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. 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 Florida District Key Club event. Every member will respect the authority of the Sergeant-at-Arms Committee, Key Club administrators, and designated staff.
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Lodging

1. Members staying in a hotel or other lodging facility must sleep in their assigned room.
2. Members are allowed in their assigned room only. They are not allowed to enter other member assigned rooms at any time.
3. Male and female members may be present together in hospitality suites when an adult chaperone is present.
4. All members are expected to be on hotel property by 11:00 pm EST each evening of the event and abide by a curfew of being in their assigned room beginning at midnight and lasting until 5:00 am 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 of the International Administrator.
6. Without notice, the Florida District reserves the right to inspect any room reserved by the Florida District of Key Club.

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Dress Code

1. All participants are expected 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 males, and dress or suit, skirt or slacks, blouse, and appropriate shoes for females.
3. "Business Casual" refers to slacks, collared shirt, and appropriate shoes for males, and slacks, skirt or skort, blouse or collared shirt and appropriate shoes for females.
4. "Casual" refers to shorts or jeans, collared shirts, sweatshirts, or appropriate tee-shirts and casual footwear for males, and shorts, skirt, skort or jeans, collared shirt, sweatshirt, or appropriate tee-shirt and casual footwear for females.
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 for all convention events.

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's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ 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.

NOTE: Some of this information will be printed in the Candidates Book at the District Education and Leadership Conference, so be sure to take care in what you write.

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: _____