

Procedure to Gain Provisional Status for New SBA Organization

New student organizations require a 12-week Provisional Period. To gain this status, after petitioning the SBA Executive Board for official recognition (to be sanctioned in accordance with Article XIII of the SBA By-Laws) you must submit a budget proposal and constitution to the SBA Executive Board. The club's initial co-chairs will then be contacted by the SBA Executive Board to discuss the merits of the new group. The SBA Executive Board will then vote on the organization's candidacy and whether it will be approved for the 12-week provisional period. Majority approval will be required for an organization to receive initial approval.

SBA Board members evaluate applications on whether the proposed organization would benefit the Northwestern Law School student body as a whole, whether it is unique and doesn't duplicate the efforts of an existing organization, and whether the organization has met the application requirements.

During the 12-week trial period the organization is required to hold at least one event. This event must be consistent with the organization's stated objectives. The organization's sponsors must inform the SBA Treasurer of the time, place, and purpose of this event so that SBA Board members can attend. The SBA Board members will measure attendance and evaluate the event.

During this provisional period, the club will have access to everything that a student organization would have access to (except access to a COFO account): SBA funding (maximum of \$100 disbursed directly by the SBA Treasurer), organization Web site, access to organization resources, and an assigned Student Affairs advisor.

Final approval is required at the end of the 12-week trial period by the SBA Executive Board. This final approval will be based upon a vote of the SBA Executive Board. Majority approval of the Board is required for a club to receive "SBA sanctioned" status.