



# Chapter Start-Up Guidelines

- At least 8 nominees are needed to become qualified members to start a new chapter.
- Qualified members should be full-time upperclassmen and graduate students (or exceptional sophomores) with a balanced, record of scholarship, leadership, and service.
- Create chapter bylaws. The National Office has sample templates to assist a new chapter with useful language.
- The fee for a new chapter charter is \$300. This fee includes a Blue Key chapter banner, as well as the chapter charter date and registration number.
- Each new member must pay a one-time fee (dues) of \$65 for a lifetime membership.
- Each member must have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 system. A chapter may require a higher GPA. Each candidate must have a GPA in the upper third of their class.
- Each member must have good character and integrity.
- The chapter must have at least one advisor, who is a full-time employee of the host institution. The advisor may be a faculty member or a member of the college or university staff.

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