

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Establishing RSO Assistance Fund Resolution

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Signatories:

WHEREAS the University of Chicago provides funding to Registered Student Organizations RSOs, many out-of-pocket costs associated with participation, such as travel expenses and membership fees, are left to be met by students. This financial burden has left many low-income students struggling or unable to participate in RSOs.

WHEREAS in 2012 [Northwestern University](#) established its Student Activities Assistance Fund (SAAF), providing supplemental grants of up to \$600 to assist students in registered student organizations. Its creation is “meant to help reduce the financial burden activities may create for students with financial need”.

WHEREAS as of February 2023, [Yale University’s College Council](#) has started to address the financial disparities among low-income students, by establishing a \$10,000 extracurricular grant to mitigate the financial barriers for first-generation and low-income students who can't afford the hidden fees that come with engaging in extracurriculars.

WHEREAS the University of Chicago's [No Barriers](#) commitments strives to “increase access to college, support students as they receive an empowering education, and prepare them for lifelong professional success. With the help of this plan, students can focus on what is truly important — their education”.

BE IT RESOLVED the Undergraduate Student Government is aware of the financial barriers that can disproportionately impact students, limiting their ability to participate fully in UChicago campus life

BE IT RESOLVED the Undergraduate Student Government recognizes the impact of finances on the involvement of low-income students in RSOs and thus believes in creating an assistance fund for RSOs to increase participation for low-income students and overall RSO accessibility.

BE IT RESOLVED the Undergraduate Student Government will advocate for financial accessibility among RSOs at the University of Chicago in establishing an RSO assistance fund for low-income students.

BE IT RESOLVED the Undergraduate Student Government will take to establish the proposed assistance fund, such as researching funding sources, partnering with other campus organizations, or advocating for support from the university administration.