



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION • 2017-2018

Applications are due by Friday, September 8th at 5 P.M.
at the OPAS Student Worker Desk (MSC 2240).

*Please note that we participate in year-round open applications.

This application must have an **official** cover page attached. To generate a cover page, go online to apply.msc.tamu.edu, click the link in step 2, and follow the instructions to enter your personal contact information. Print and sign the page that results, and attach it to the front of this application.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Local Mailing Address: _____
Street/P.O. Box City State Zip Code

UIN: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Major: _____ Classification: _____ GPR >2.00 Y N

of Hours presently taking: _____ T-shirt Size S M L XL XXL

Have you ever applied for OPAS before? Yes No

If so, when did you apply? _____

Please answer the following questions and return your completed application with the official cover page, membership application, question responses, and contract signatures to the OPAS Office. Ask the student worker about signing up for an interview time when you turn in your application. The OPAS Student Worker Desk is located on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center in the Student Programs Office (MSC 2240). **This is where you will turn in your completed application and sign up for an interview.**

It is the policy of the Memorial Student Center to grant equal opportunity to all qualified persons without regard to race, color, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or national origin. To deny one's contribution to our efforts because he or she is a member of a marginalized group is an injustice not only to the individual, but to the MSC and Texas A&M University as well. It is our intent and desire that equal opportunity be provided to all in selections, awards, and review processes and all other privileges.

If you have any questions, please email us at opas.recruitment@gmail.com.



Please type your answers to the following questions on a separate page, and staple the page(s) to the back of this application.

1. How did you hear about OPAS?
2. What do you hope to gain during your time as a committee member within MSC OPAS?
3. Based on your understanding of the OPAS mission to enlighten, entertain and inspire, what can your experiences, talents, abilities, and passions contribute to the OPAS committee?
4. Briefly list any leadership activities in which you have participated (include awards, positions, or honors).
5. Please list any additional activities you plan on being involved in during the upcoming semester.

MSC OPAS Policies

The OPAS Student Committee strives to maintain participation in all OPAS events by keeping members on a point and accountability system. In order to achieve the minimum number of points needed to keep your position in MSC OPAS **each semester**, members are expected to attend:

- At Least 1 night of each Main Stage performance (Schedule on www.mscoapas.org)
- 1 Intimate Gatherings performance
- 1 Special Event performance
- 1 Retreat
- Bi-Monthly committee meetings
- Publicity & Advertising, Recruitment, Community Operations, and Student Development events

Attending all of the above events will allow you to meet the minimum point expectations for active membership each semester. Throughout the fall or spring, there will be many opportunities for you to participate in order to gain additional, or make-up points, as needed.

On performance night, committee members will be expected to abide by the OPAS dress code, which is as follows:

- Gentlemen
 - Black suit only (No Pinstripes)
 - White shirt
 - Tie with conservative colors
 - Black shoes with black socks (conservative dress shoes only)
 - Neatly combed Hair
 - Any facial hair should be neatly groomed.
 - OPAS nametag (provided upon acceptance)
- Ladies
 - All black, conservative dress, black Pantsuit, and/or two-piece black suit purchased together as a set
 - Dress and skirt hemlines should be of appropriate length (Would you wear it to a job interview?)
 - Black tights and black shoes (heels are not required; your shoes should be comfortable, closed-toe, and have a back)
 - Conservative jewelry
 - OPAS nametag (provided upon acceptance)
- Cadets
 - Midnights (worn to all OPAS performances)
 - **If you do not have midnights, wear the highest ranking uniform you have.
 - Female cadets may wear skirts or pants.
 - Your OPAS nametag WILL NOT be worn in uniform.

MSC OPAS Membership Agreement

Please read the following agreement and sign below. By becoming a member of OPAS, you will be able to grow as a leader, create everlasting friendships, gain professional skills, and step outside your comfort zone. Due to the large number of OPAS applicants, we must make sure that our applicants are willing to become an active part of the committee.

If selected to be a member of the MSC OPAS Student Committee, I will fulfill all of the following:

- Work at Least 1 night of every Main Stage performance, 1 Intimate Gatherings Performance, and 1 Special Event Performance (Schedule at www.mscoapas.org)
- Participate in all facets of OPAS including Student Development (SD), Recruitment, Community Operations (CO), Publicity and Advertising (P&A), and Operations
- Attend bi-Monthly General Committee Meetings (GCMs) on Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.
- Attend the committee-wide retreat held each semester
- Participate in social activities
- Dues: Pay **\$50** of membership dues to cover 2 committee t-shirts, the student banquet, OPAS nametag, meetings, and other organizational expenses. Pay an *additional \$50* for yearly retreats (\$25 for Fall and \$25 for Spring) to cover expenses such as reservation fees and food. (Payment plans are available per request.)
- Meet the point expectations set by the leadership team each semester.
- Abide by OPAS Dress Code on performance nights (See MSC OPAS Policies)
- Commit to Committee Behavioral Expectations. (See MSC OPAS Behavioral Code)

I understand that failure to actively participate in OPAS will result in a performance review and possible removal from the committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

If you have any questions, please email us at opas.recruitment@gmail.com.

MSC OPAS Behavioral Code

If accepted as a member of MSC OPAS, I agree to accept and abide by the following stipulations regarding my behavior and also to act in accordance with the University Code of Conduct.

I. General Behavior

- Members are expected to act in a professional and courteous manner while at MSC OPAS sponsored events or activities, especially while interacting with MSC OPAS patrons and performers.
- Any display of the official MSC OPAS name or logo on websites or social media sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc., should be in a respectful manner. All images or references that portray MSC OPAS or members in official MSC OPAS attire in a negative light will not be tolerated.

II. Alcohol and Illegal Substances

- MSC OPAS members will abide by all state and federal laws regarding alcohol and illegal substances.
- There will be no references to the consumption of alcohol or any other illegal substances over the MSC OPAS listserv or at committee events.
- The MSC OPAS logo will not be worn in any venue that promotes the consumption of alcohol as its primary purpose, nor will it be worn while consuming alcohol or acting in a manner that does not exemplify leadership and integrity.
- No member is allowed to consume alcohol or other illegal substances prior to or at MSC OPAS events.

III. Consequences

- Any violation of the University Code of Conduct, University Rules, and/or Student Rules will be forwarded to the Office of Student Life for investigation. Consequences will be determined by the designated investigation team.
- Any violations of MSC OPAS specific rules will be investigated by the MSC OPAS Executive Team. Consequences will be determined by the MSC OPAS Executive Team.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____