

How to Start a RHA on Your Campus?

Starting a RHA can be a lot of hard work and often overwhelming, but just take it one step at a time and you will be fine.

One way to start out small is to just have “Hall Councils” where you would have a small governing body consisting of some of the following officers President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Advisor.

You all would also want to write a constitution to govern your group.

One good place to start is by contacting the SAACURH Regional Communications Coordinator for Development and Education (sa_rccde@nacurh.org) and he/she can put you in contact with other schools so you can read what they have done and perhaps use some of the same things at your own school. Also the Regional Communications Coordinator for Development and Education can give you several resources to help you get a better idea of what exactly RHA is.

One officer that is unique to RHAs is the National Communication Coordinator (NCC). This is the person who is usually on the SAACURH list serve and gets delegations together to attend conferences. At conferences, this person sits in the board room and represents their school by speaking and voting on legislation, and bids that come up. There is a NCC guide on our website that will help you better understand what exactly the position entails. Please remember there is flexibility for your school to tweak the position to what you want as long as you have the bare necessities.

Another great tool to use when starting an RHA is other schools in your own state. Each state has a state director who is in close contact with other RHA chapters in your state. The SAACURH Regional Communications Coordinator for Development and Education can put you in contact with the state director for your state who can then get you in touch with schools around you.

For more information about starting a RHA, please contact the SAACURH Executive Committee. Their contact information is on the SAACURH website at www.saacurh.nacurh.org.

We wish you the best of luck! You’re doing a great thing for the residents on your campus and it will all be worth it in the end. Let us know if we can help in any way.