

**University of Connecticut**  
**Student Activities**  
**SOLID FAQs**

**1. Q: Why SOLID?**

A: SOLID is a program designed to: help student organizations achieve their goals, develop the knowledge and skills of organizational leaders, raise awareness about university policies and resources, and promote responsibility, respect, and positive experiences through student organizations

**2. Q: What is the tiered system?**

A: The SOLID tiered system is designed to recognize differences between the approximately 400 student organizations on campus each year. Specifically, the tiered system recognizes differences in size, scope, organizational structure, purpose, and support needs for the various organizations. Organization leaders elect each year whether they wish to be a Tier I or Tier II organization and based on that decision will attend certain workshops and be eligible for certain levels of support. More information about the SOLID tiered system can be found at [www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/SOLID](http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/SOLID).

**3. Q: What are the benefits of registering?**

A: Benefits associated with being registered with the Department of Student Activities can include inclusion on the University's website, subscription to the CURRENTS – a newsletter specifically for student organization leaders, eligibility to reserve meeting/event space on campus, eligibility to open a bank account in the business office, eligibility to request funds from USG, and more. These benefits are tied to successful completion of the registration process, including SOLID. More information about registering student organizations can be found at [http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/inv\\_stuorg.html](http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/inv_stuorg.html).

**4. Q: What requirements are there for each tier?**

A: All organizations, regardless of Tier must submit and ensure that up-to-date organization information is on file with the Involvement Office. Such information will include organization name, purpose, contact, as well as advisor, constitution, and more (for Tier II organizations). Additionally every organization must complete the required workshops that correspond to the Tier they wish to be. Current information about the specific information

required for organizations can be found at:

[http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/solid\\_3tier.html](http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/solid_3tier.html).

**5. Q: Are workshops mandatory? What happens if an organization does not attend?**

A: Yes, the workshops are mandatory for groups to be properly registered. Groups will not be considered registered, and Tier II groups will not be eligible for funding from USG, Business Accounts, and more if they have not fully completed the requirements for SOLID.

**6. Q: What if I do not have time this semester to attend SOLID. Will my club be suspended and the registration be treated as incomplete?**

A: SOLID is part of the registration process. A group will not be registered until all requirements are completed.

**7. Q: What happens if I show up late to a SOLID Workshop?**

A: If you show up more than **ten minutes** late your attendance will not be credited towards your organization at this session.

**8. Q: Can we still re-register our organization on-line every year?**

A: Yes. Existing organizations may use the online re-registration form to re-register their organization each year. Students wishing to form a NEW student organization should visit the Involvement Office (Student Union 302), and/or visit our website at [http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/start\\_neworg.html](http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/start_neworg.html) to find out more. In order to be fully registered, organizations must also complete the SOLID Workshops.

**9. Q: Can organizations get USG funding if they do not complete SOLID?**

A: No. Only properly recognized Tier II organizations may request funds from USG.

**10. Q: Can organizations have a Student Activities Business Office account if they do not complete SOLID?**

A: No. Only properly recognized Tier II organizations may have an account with the Student Activities Business Office.

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**11. Q: Where can students find the schedule of workshops?**

A: The full workshop schedule is available online at [http://studentactivities.uconn.edu/solid\\_workshop\\_schedule.html](http://studentactivities.uconn.edu/solid_workshop_schedule.html).

**12. Q: Do organizations need to sign up for the workshops in advance?**

A: Pre-registration is being considered and will be coming soon.

**13. Q: Where can organizations check to see if they have fulfilled all of their requirements?**

A: Organization leaders can check the status of their group at the following website: [www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/solid.html](http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/solid.html). Refer to the right side under **Solid Program Links**, select **Student Organization SOLID Status**. The Student Organization Database will have information about requirements that have and have not been met. If you have any questions, contact the Involvement Office – 486.6588.

**14. Q: What if an organization selects Tier I and wants to open their account before completing SOLID?**

A: Tier I organizations are not eligible to have a bank account with the Student Activities Business Office. Tier II organizations may have an account with the Business Office but will need to complete the Tier II SOLID requirements before transacting business.

**15. Q: An organization has money in their account, but only wants to be Tier I. How do they access their funds?**

A: If an organization decides that they do not want to register as a Tier II organization, it will be necessary for them to close their Business Office account. To do this, they must submit a completed contract and signature sheets (no beneficiary form is necessary) along with a check request for the account balance with narrative noting “to close account identified as Tier I organization.”

**16. Is SOLID offered in the summer?**

A: Yes. SOLID sessions will be available by appointment only. Please call the Involvement office a few days in advance to schedule an individual SOLID session during the summer months. Contact the Business Office for CFO workshop.

**17. Q: Will I have to attend SOLID again?**

A: No, once you attend your specific workshop for your position you will not have to attend again. However if you change officer positions you will then have to fulfill the SOLID requirement for that newly acquired position.

**18. Q: What if someone who has been to one or more of the workshops joins our organization?**

A: Each group’s officers (COO, CFO, Secretary) are required to attend their officer-specific workshop. If you hold a secretary position for two separate groups you will only have to attend once and both groups will be credited. If you are a COO for one group and a Secretary for another group you will have to attend two workshops; Leading an Organization and Secretary Workshop.

**19. Q: What if I become secretary/president/treasurer for another group do I need to attend?**

A: No, if you complete a SOLID workshop for one group and become the SAME officer for another group you will not have to attend again.

**20. Q: The person who WILL BE our secretary/president is attending with me now, will this person have to attend again?**

A: No. Once you attend the specific workshop for your specific position you will not need to attend again. Note: Make sure you properly complete the attendance sheet to ensure you get credit for attending.

**21. Q: Is it required to attend the SOLID Events workshop, WHY?**

A: The events workshop is required only if a (Tier II) group would like to hold an event. All other SOLID workshops must also be completed as well.

**22. Q. Is it possible to get a waiver for the Financial Workshop if our group handles our own funds?**

A: No. To ensure that all groups are offered sound financial training, all groups must attend the Financial Workshop. Also, tier two groups must complete all SOLID workshop requirements in order to receive funding through USG.