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Rideau Students' Union Guidebook

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What is the RSU?

We are a student advocacy organization, dedicated to bringing the voice of Canadian youth to the table, and bringing new perspective to the issues affecting our communities today. The Rideau Students' Union aims to encourage students to participate in policy making and to address the issues that concern students in a collaborative manner.



The RSU's goal is for the Union to be recognized, both by students and legislative organizations, as a serious agency dedicated to serving students' needs and addressing their concerns. We hope that the Union will play a key role in policy-making for the provincial government and local school boards.

For more information read our latest constitution [here](#) (March 2022 edition) or visit the RSU's official website [here](#)



Getting Started as a New Member

If you are new to the union please follow these steps to ensure you're on the same page as the rest of our members:

1. Sign up as an official member using the google form. ([link](#))
2. Start communicating!
 - a. Join our [discord](#)
 - b. Change your nickname to your first name ([how?](#))
 - c. Read the server rules and get roles by reacting to the messages in the #roles channel
3. The union is officially affiliated with *Horizon Ottawa*. We suggest becoming a member of them as well. ([link](#))
4. **Attend our weekly meetings every Tuesday at 8:30 pm EST by joining the *Main Voice* channel on our discord server under general.**

How to Earn Volunteer Hours

You can earn volunteer members by attending general meetings, helping out with projects, and doing any form of work for the RSU.

1. To claim volunteer hours fill out the following form [here](#)
2. After your request a member of the RSU will contact you to approve that you have worked enough to earn the hours requested
3. Then you may fill out the form for your respective school board to submit your hours towards graduation. You can find the OCDSB form [here](#)

Want to see what we're doing? Check out some of our projects at www.rideaustudentsunion.ca/projects.



How to get Involved in Projects?

If you want to be an active member, be sure to attend weekly meetings. There is no formal way to sign up for a specific project or task. However, during or at the end of weekly general meetings there will be time for action items to be created, and there you can volunteer to help. You can also contact any leadership members or anyone who may be involved in a project that you're interested in to point you in the right direction. You may alternatively view the relevant discord channel and start talking to the people involved there.

Passive members are also vital as they contribute to the policy through signing Union petitions and surveys and also help as a show of Union numbers which is helpful in recognition of our operations.

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