The Diversity Leadership Conference is an outstanding student-led event designed to address diversity and leadership issues and their application in student development, higher education, and the global society.

The Diversity Council invites YOU and your organization to get involved this year and celebrate diversity here at Sam Houston State University. All Registered Student Organizations are invited to participate in this year’s Student Organization Competition (SOC) during the 19th Annual Diversity Leadership Conference (DLC).

The SOC is an enjoyable and creative way for any organization to get involved. Each participating organization has an opportunity to win a grand prize of $300.00 towards their organization in just as easy as four steps.

**STEP ONE:** Register your organization for the SOC by completing a registration survey found at: [https://shsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6l46qiPC07poBb8](https://shsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6l46qiPC07poBb8)

*Please note that each member of your team's roster should be individually registered for the conference. DLC registration forms can be found on our website at [www.shsu.edu/dlc](http://www.shsu.edu/dlc) under the “Registration” tab. Registration is free for SHSU members (SHSU Students, Faculty, and Staff) until February 19th. Registration will not be closed until 25th but the registration fee will be $10 for those who register between February 20th to 25th.*

**STEP TWO:** Each organization will have to create a banner that displays what diversity and/or inclusion means to their student organization. You will receive a twin-sheet from the Center for Diversity & Intercultural Affairs to create your banner. All banners must be submitted to the Center for Diversity & Intercultural Affairs (LSC 315) **no later than Tuesday, February 21st at 5:00pm.** Your banner will be displayed in the LSC Orange Ballroom during the conference.

**STEP THREE:** Once your SOC registration form and banner is submitted, each student will check-in at the SOC station during check-in on Day 1 of the Diversity Leadership Conference: **12:00 PM – 6:00 PM on the 2nd floor in the LSC Collaborative Lounge.** You will be given the instructions that your organization needs to follow for the duration of the conference.

**STEP FOUR:** Be sure to “check out” of the competition at the SOC table on Day 2: **Saturday, February 25th between 2:40 – 3:30 PM** at the SOC station (Information table).
**HOW IT WORKS**

There will be keynote speakers and workshops that members participating in this competition are able to score points by attending for their organization. At each applicable session, there will be a SOC representative that you will need to visit once the session is over to receive a sticker on your SOC card. Each sticker will count as one point. At check out on Day 2, your team’s score is calculated in a percentage by the points you’ve earned as a team to the total points possible.

**For Example,**

If *ABC* Organization has 5 members, and there are total 6 sessions that you can earn SOC points, then the total points possible would be 30.

Considering the difference of organization sizes, your teams score is calculated in a percentage, NOT the total amount of points.

If all 5 members of *ABC* Organization attended the 6 sessions, their SOC score would be $30/30 = 100\%$. On the other hand, if 20 members of *DEF* Organization attended 5 out of the 6 sessions, their SOC score would be $100/120 = 83\%$, thus *ABC* Organization would win the SOC.

In the event of a tie, organizations will participate in an unannounced tiebreaker.

**PRIZES**

The prizes for the Student Organization Competition are as follows:

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Organizations eligible for the DLC Student Organization Competition will be defined as any registered student organization in good standing with the University and the Dean of Students Office. Any student participating in the SOC must be a member of the organization’s roster on Org Link.
2. Any organization whose team members are deemed by the Diversity Leadership Conference staff to be acting in an unprofessional/inappropriate manner, including but not limited to disorderly conduct, vandalism, theft, unauthorized entry, verbal or physical threats; will automatically be disqualified.
3. Students can represent only ONE student organization that they are a part of.
4. Please turn in this application and ensure that all members are individually registered for the Diversity Leadership Conference. Each member needs to register for the conference individually from our website at [www.shsu.edu/dlc](http://www.shsu.edu/dlc) under the “Registration” tab.
5. Students participating in the SOC must attend the sessions and workshops specified at check-in to receive points.