

STARTING A BLACK LIS STUDENT GROUP ON YOUR CAMPUS

Thinking of creating a space for Black LIS students? This quick guide walks you through each step — from checking for existing groups to getting official approval — so you can launch your organization with confidence.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Check if a Black LIS Student (or similar) group already exists. Joining or reviving one is often easier than starting from scratch.

GET RECOGNIZED

Submit your campus's registration form and track deadlines—each school's process is different.

BUILD YOUR CLUB CONSTITUTION

Draft a simple constitution (requirements vary by campus). Include things like:

- Club name
- Statement of purpose
- Membership process
- Campus or national affiliations (like BCALA)
- Officer roles & how they're chosen
- Faculty advisor info
- Club Logo or picture

Linked examples: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)

REVIEW & SUBMIT

Double-check your constitution and registration materials. Make sure all required info is included, then submit them for your campus's approval.

APPROVAL

After review, your club may be approved right away or placed on "provisional" status so you can show its positive impact on campus.