



# Saving Mothers' Chapter Application Guide

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Saving Mothers is thrilled that you have decided to join us in the global fight against maternal mortality. Saving Mothers implements high-impact projects to save women and children's lives around the world – and we can't do it without your help!

## **Make a Difference:**

Saving Mothers firmly believes that students, united by the common goal of promoting women's health and preventing maternal deaths worldwide, can work together to make an impact on the lives of women, especially mothers in resource-poor communities.

Starting a Saving Mothers Chapter is an empowering and rewarding way to improve the lives of women around the world. Students interested in joining the fight to reduce maternal mortality can apply to establish a Saving Mothers' Chapter on their college, university and medical school campuses. These chapters:

- ❧ Spread awareness about maternal morbidity and mortality at their institutions and surrounding community
- ❧ Gain valuable research experience on women's health issues worldwide
- ❧ Participate in projects that directly support Saving Mothers' programs and mission
- ❧ Raise funds to provide essential supplies to women and their providers
- ❧ Network and collaborate with other student groups in the Saving Mothers' Chapter Network

## **Benefits of Becoming a Saving Mothers Chapter:**

Saving Mothers will support chapters in the following ways:

- ❧ Give chapters access to resources such as handouts, use of name and logo, flyers, information, news, video clips and articles related to women's health and maternal mortality.
- ❧ Provide guidance, training and support from Saving Mothers' Team on how to develop a chapter, conduct research, initiate projects and raise funds
- ❧ Acknowledgement on Saving Mothers' website, annual reporting and blogs

## Steps to Becoming a Student Chapter

### Step 1: Applying to be a chapter

- ✎ Interested students must go to <http://www.savingmothers.org/startchapter.html> and complete either the online application form or the soft copy of the application form and email it to Saving Mothers at [getinvolved@savingmothers.org](mailto:getinvolved@savingmothers.org).
- ✎ Before applying, students should familiarize themselves with the organization and its projects. This information can be found on the Saving Mothers' website: <http://www.savingmothers.org/>
- ✎ The student applying to start a chapter must be a student in good standing at the campus they are initiating the student chapter.
- ✎ The student chapter must be "Saving Mothers at [Name of Institution]" in the name of the organization (e.g. Saving Mothers at UC Berkeley).

### Step 2: Becoming an on-campus student organization

- ✎ Once the application has been approved, Saving Mothers will provide the applicant with the Chapter Start-Up Manual and help interested students gain approval as a student organization on his/her campus.
- ✎ There must be a minimum of 5 student members and 3 officers at each chapter (must have at least a President, a Treasurer and a Secretary).
- ✎ Student membership will not be restricted in any way based on race, creed, color, religion, gender, national origin, sexual preference, ancestry or physical or mental disability.

### Step 3: Chapter Recognition

- ✎ After gaining approval from Saving Mothers and as a student organization at your campus, you will then become a recognized chapter in the Saving Mothers Chapter Network. We look forward to working with you on activities and projects that will promote women's health around the world.

## Chapter Responsibilities

- ❧ Chapters must provide documentation demonstrating its status as a student organization on campus.
- ❧ Each officer will be required to agree to the Saving Mothers' Code of Conduct (included in the Chapter Star-Up Manual, which will be given to you once you have formed an official chapter.)
- ❧ Each semester/quarter, the chapter president is required to submit their proposed activities for that semester/quarter and submit an end-of-semester/quarter report.
- ❧ Chapters must participate in at least two non-fundraising activities and at least one fundraising activity during the school year.
- ❧ Because grassroots fundraising is a crucial to Saving Mothers' women's health programs around the world, chapters are expected to meet Saving Mothers' minimum fundraising requirements through various chapter fundraisers.
- ❧ Each chapter must submit an official financial report from their campus each school year.
- ❧ Saving Mothers will not be held responsible for any payment of debts and/or obligations and/or activities of the chapter and its members.
- ❧ Saving Mothers reserves the right to place chapters under probation and dissolve student organizations at any time for reasonable cause (i.e. not meeting the above responsibilities).

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