

UK
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Parent Association

Dear UK Parent,

Greetings from the University of Kentucky and the UK Parent Association! I am pleased that you are interested in learning more about the Parent Advisory Council. As the parent of a UK student, you are an important part of our University community, and we welcome your active involvement here on campus.

The Parent Advisory Council seeks to continually improve the work of the Parent Association. Among other duties, the Parent Advisory Council recommends programming activities for the Parent Association, provides feedback about University programs, discusses issues that are of concern to family members, recommends content for Parent Association publications, participates in K Week, Summer Advising Conferences, and Family Weekend, and assists with the recruitment of new Parent Advisory Council members. Council members are expected to make at least three trips to campus each year for meetings and events.

The Parent Advisory Council consists of family members of full-time undergraduate students who are in good standing at UK. It is our intention to select parent members who represent our diverse student population. In order to ensure continuity on the Council, members are asked to make at least a two-year commitment. However, many of our members serve on the Council for their UK student's entire undergraduate career.

I hope you will seriously consider the opportunity to serve the UK community by working with the Parent Advisory Council. Enclosed you will find a more detailed position description and an application. You can apply by returning your completed application by mail (UK Parent Association, 518 Patterson Office Tower, Lexington, KY, 40506-0027) or fax to (859) 323-1525. Please call (859) 257-6597 or e-mail parents@lsv.uky.edu if you have any questions. Thank you for your interest in the UK Parent Association and Parent Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Stephens
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UK Parent Association Coordinator

University of Kentucky Parent Advisory Council Position Description

“I have enjoyed serving on the Parent Advisory Council for the past three years. At the completion of my stint as a parent supporting three sons through their total of 14 years at the University of Kentucky, I am pleased to know I have been able to be of service to their school! The time invested has been both worthwhile and enjoyable. I just wanted to say thanks for including me on the PAC and say to others who will get involved that I hope they will enjoy their volunteer time as much as I did. Thank you for the opportunity of serving!”

Cheryl, Alexandria, KY

Active participation in the Parent Advisory Council is a rewarding way to share in your son or daughter’s college years. Although all parents of UK undergraduate students are members of the Parent Association, Council members take an active role in University affairs by serving as liaisons between the University and parents. Ideal applicants are energetic, creative, and dedicated to the improvement of the University and its support of students and their families. Advisory Council members have several important responsibilities:

- 1. Program Assistance:** Council members are asked to attend and assist with events such as Summer Advising Conferences, K Week, and Family Weekend. They are asked to become familiar with University resources and services in order to provide assistance to students and their families at these events.
- 2. Advice and Counsel:** Members are encouraged to provide feedback both at the Council’s biannual meetings and throughout the school year. The Vice President for Student Affairs, the Dean of Students, and other University administrators typically attend Council meetings seeking feedback from parents. Council members are asked to evaluate ongoing programs and to assist in the development of Parent Association publications.
- 3. Financial Support:** As a self-supporting organization, the Parent Association relies almost exclusively on donations from UK parents to fund its programs and publications as well as to support other programs in the Division of Student Affairs. Each fall, student callers hired through the Office of Development contact parents of undergraduates to ask for a gift to the Parent Association. The success of the parent phonathon can be directly attributed to past and present members of the Parent Advisory Council. Each year, council members make numerous contacts with parents at UK events, and these contacts ensure a positive public relations image for the UK Parent Association and inform parents of the resources available to them in the UK community. Parent Advisory Council members are encouraged to contribute to the annual phonathon, although the amount is determined by each individual member.

The following are the specific expectations held for members of the Parent Advisory Council:

1. To attend the biannual meetings of the Parent Advisory Council. Traditionally, one meeting is held in the fall (usually October) and one in the spring (usually April). Meeting dates are announced well in advance and are typically held on campus on a Saturday for several hours. Council members have the opportunity to learn more about University departments and services as well as provide feedback on any topic of interest or concern to them as UK parents.
2. To participate in Summer Advising Conferences, K Week, and Family Weekend. Parents of incoming freshmen will not be asked to volunteer at K Week in order to attend activities with their students.
3. To provide feedback to the coordinator concerning the association's fund-raising, programs, publications, services, and any other aspects of institutional activity.
4. To maintain regular communication with the Parent Association coordinator.
5. To identify and approach prospective Parent Advisory Council members.

The following are some of the perks of membership on the Parent Advisory Council:

1. Meetings are good excuses to visit your student each semester.
2. Council members get to know top University administrators and to learn more about UK programs and services. They also enjoy the opportunity to get to know other UK parents.
3. Previous Council members have expressed their satisfaction in knowing that they are supporting and assisting UK students and their families as well as staying involved in their sons and daughters' educations.
4. While it is a volunteer position, there are small tokens of appreciation in the form of free meals, free t-shirts at K Week and Family Weekend, and free admission to the Family Weekend Tent Party.

Parent Advisory Council Attendance Policy: Parent Advisory Council members may be removed from the Council without notification after missing three consecutive meetings upon the recommendation of the coordinator of the UK Parent Association.

Parent Advisory Council Application Process: Applications are welcome at any time throughout the year. New members are accepted in early September each year. All applicants will be notified of their status at that time.

