Dear UK Parent/Family Member,

Greetings from the UK Parent and Family Association! We are pleased that you are interested in learning more about the Parent Advisory Council. As the parent or family member of a UK student, you are an important part of our university community, and we welcome your active involvement here on campus.

The UK Parent Advisory Council recommends programming activities for the Parent and Family Association, gives feedback about university programs, discusses issues that are of concern to family members, recommends content for publications, participates in on-campus events like K Week and Family Weekend, and assists with the recruitment of prospective students and Parent Advisory Council members. Council members can expect 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 family 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.

We 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 and Family Association, Student & Academic Support, P.O. Box 965, University Station, Lexington, KY, 40506) or email to parents@lsv.uky.edu. New members are accepted every August. Please call 859-257-2752 or email if you have any questions. Thank you for your interest in the UK Parent and Family Association and Parent Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

Nancy Stephens  Nicki Jenkins

UK Parent and Family Association
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

“It is one of the best things I have ever done! I loved my time on the council and would definitely encourage other parents to get involved!”  Trisha, Lansing, MI

Active participation in the Parent Advisory Council is a rewarding way to share in your son or daughter’s college years. Council members take an active role in university affairs by serving as liaisons between UK and families of our students. Ideal applicants are energetic, creative, outgoing, and dedicated to the improvement of the university and its support of students and their families.

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

- To attend the biannual meetings of the Parent Advisory Council. Traditionally, one meeting is held in the fall (usually late September or October) and one in the spring (usually April). Meeting dates are announced well in advance and are typically held on campus on a Friday night or Saturday morning 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 family members.
- To participate in K Week and Family Weekend. Families of incoming first-year students will not be asked to volunteer at K Week in order to attend activities with their students.
- To provide feedback to the Parent and Family Association staff concerning the association’s programs, publications, services, and any other aspects of institutional activity.
- To maintain regular communication with the Parent and Family Association staff.
- To identify and approach prospective Parent Advisory Council members.

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

- Meetings are good excuses to visit your student each semester.
- 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 family members.
- 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.
- While it is a volunteer position, there are small tokens of appreciation in the form of free meals, free t-shirts at some events, free admission to the Family Weekend Tent Party, and a Parent and Family Association polo shirt to wear to on-campus events.

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 UK Parent and Family Association staff.
UK Parent and Family Association
Parent Advisory Council Application

Name

Address

Email

Phone

Name(s) of UK student(s) and graduates

Class year (freshman, sophomore, etc.)

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1. Why are you interested in serving on the Parent Advisory Council?

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2. As the parent/family member of a current or incoming college student, what are your main concerns? How can the UK Parent and Family Association address those concerns?

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3. Are you able to come to Lexington for at least two council meetings per year (one in the fall and one in the spring) and to participate in K Week (late August) and Family Weekend (September/October/November)?