STUDENT CHAPTER TOOLKIT

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The National Kitchen + Bath Association (NKBA) is a non-profit trade group that promotes professionalism in the kitchen and bath industry. Established in 1963 as a network of kitchen dealers, it has evolved into the premier association of designers, retailers, remodelers, manufacturers, distributors, fabricators, installers and other industry professionals.

Today, the NKBA represents an unparalleled network of peers, tools and resources designed to support professional growth and business success.

The association’s vision is a world in which everyone enjoys safe, beautiful and functional kitchen and bath spaces. Our mission is to help make it happen through the creation of marketplaces, networks, affiliations and certifications that raise the level of professionalism by inspiring, leading and empowering each member of our community.

And, it all starts with you.

STUDENT MEMBERS

A career in the kitchen and bath industry can be enjoyable and rewarding. It can also be challenging and overwhelming if you don’t have the support you need to excel. That is why the National Kitchen & Bath Association offers a free student membership to all those studying the design and building fields thanks to sponsorship from industry leading companies. Students are the future of our industry and the NKBA wants to help make the future bright.
**NKBA MISSION STATEMENT**

Through the creation of marketplaces, networks and certifications, NKBA will inspire, lead and empower the kitchen and bath industry.

**NKBA GOALS**

**GOAL I – KNOWLEDGE SOURCE**
There will be a higher level of education and professionalism in the industry worldwide. NKBA members will be the most highly skilled and recognized for their expertise.

**GOAL II – CONSUMER AWARENESS**
There will be a greater awareness and preference for products and professional services from the NKBA members worldwide.

**GOAL III – MEMBERSHIP**
The kitchen and bath industry worldwide will find the NKBA membership and involvement in the association essential to their professional success.

**GOAL IV – ADVOCACY**
Public policy and legislation affecting the kitchen and bath industry will be positively influenced through the NKBA leadership role in monitoring and affecting industry issues.

**GOAL V – INFORMATION SOURCE & RESOURCE**
The NKBA will be the information source and resource for the industry worldwide.

**GOAL VI – KITCHEN & BATH INDUSTRY SHOW (KBIS)**
The NKBA will continue to develop a higher level of awareness and continued enhancement of international exhibitions, education and networking opportunities for the kitchen and bath industry.
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GOALS OF A STUDENT CHAPTER:
The main goals of an NKBA Student Chapter are to encourage involvement of students in NKBA Affiliated Schools Programs, to offer students a venue to network with fellow students and professionals, to establish a firm link between Affiliated Schools and their local NKBA Professional chapter, and to introduce students to the benefits of on-going NKBA membership throughout their careers.

BENEFITS:
- Networking with Professional Chapters
- Grant Opportunities yearly
- Gain leadership experience in officer roles
- Various KBIS discounts

HOST A JOINT STUDENT/PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER MEETING:
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VOLUNTEER TO BE AN NKBA STUDENT CHAPTER OFFICER:
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STUDENT CHAPTER FORMATION: Now is the time to give your student body a priceless experience by starting an NKBA student chapter on your campus. Does an Interior Design club already exist on campus? Why not add the NKBA in conjunction with other organizations that students can join! The NKBA by-laws four officer positions, making combining with other organizations even easier. The leadership positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Receive a $500 grant for the upcoming academic year by REGISTERING as a new student chapter.

Ensure all participating students are NKBA student members to receive the benefits of being a student chapter of an Affiliated School!
SUGGESTED STUDENT CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

HOST A FIELD TRIP: Visit a company to network and learn about their business.

BRING IN A GUEST SPEAKER: Can’t coordinate a field trip? Bring an industry speaker to your Student Chapter meeting.

TABLE AT SCHOOL: Educate those not in your degree program. For example, on Earth Day set up a table to educate students about sustainable design.

CONNECT: Meet with your local Habitat for Humanity or other charitable organization to see if they need assistance in design or build.

HOST: Arrange a kitchen and bath design software workshop.
IMPORTANT LINKS

NEW STUDENT CHAPTER REGISTRATION

NKBA STUDENT CHAPTER ACTIVITIES/ FINANCIAL REPORT

PROFESSIONAL CHAPTERS

NKBA STUDENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NKBA WEBSITE
**Apply for a student chapter grant!** The NKBA continues to offer a yearly renewable grant of $500 for new and existing chapters with submittal of the proper paperwork. The grant check is sent to the Affiliated School Coordinator with the understanding that these funds are to be used to support the activities of the student chapter for networking and educational/professional development activities.

**To qualify** for the $500 grant, submission of the NKBA Student Chapter Activities/Financial Report is due no later than October 31 to schools@nkba.org

**NKBA Student Chapter Activities/ Financial Report**