



Application to Establish a **Student Charter**



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Mission

We, the members of the African American Male Education Network Development (A²MEND) organization, insures the interest and success of Black Administrators, faculty, staff and students within the California Community College system. The African American Male Educational Network and Development (A²MEND) organization is comprised of African American male educators who utilize scholarly and professional expertise to foster institutional change within the community college system with a focus on the success of African American male students, faculty, staff, and administrators.

Vision

Our vision will be the nation's leading organization in fostering African American Male success within community colleges. To achieve our vision, we strive to:

- Hold the community college system accountable for the success of African American males
- Provide our expertise to community colleges to build, support, and sustain institutional capacity that effectively addresses the needs of African American males
- Support African American men in their career development, advancement, and success
- Promote research and discovery in the area of African American male academic achievement in the community colleges
- Serve as a network for African American educators

Purpose

1. Provide a forum for Black administrators, faculty, staff, and students of the African American Male Education Network and Development (A²MEND) organization to discuss their concerns as they relate to the academic achievement, mentoring, support, issues and policies affecting African-American and historically underrepresented groups.
2. Provide a system of support, networking, mentoring, and professional growth and development system for the members African American Male Education Network and Development (A²MEND) organization.
3. Provide policy recommendations on curriculum, instruction, and programs African American students and the recruitment of African American administrators, faculty and staff.
4. Provide financial assistance and scholarship money for African American students.
5. Provide an avenue for communicating with local, state and national organizations regarding educational issues, policies and practices.
6. Provide advocacy to members who request support and assistance in their professional roles.

The A²MEND Student Charter

Under the auspice and affiliation of the African-American Male Educational Network Development (A²MEND), the Student Charter of A²MEND is a student support structure that seeks to establish an affirming environment where African American male students and other men of color are able to thrive. The aim of the A²MEND student organization is to improve academic success and to develop culturally competent servant student leaders. The Student Charter of A²MEND is further designed to develop competent life skills, reaffirm the value of the African/African American cultural traditions, create awareness around issues of social justice, build grit, promote professionalism, and foster a culture of positive peer pressure. The Student Charter of A²MEND will provide educational, cultural, social, and intellectual programs that promote positivity and brotherhood among its members.

Institutional Benefits of a Student Charter:

- Priority Attendance for the A²MEND Annual Male Summit and the A²MEND Student Charter Leadership Conference
- Professional and Student Development: A²MEND offers a wide range of educational opportunities for students and advisors:
- Reduced rates on all A²MEND consultations, speaking and workshops services
- Use of the A²MEND Brand
- Access to reports of data from research & assessment projects conducted by A²MEND
- Access to best practices and innovative strategies to address the success of African American men and other men of color.
- Access to archived workshop and conference materials
- Use of all A²MEND Intellectual Property (e.g., Organizational Structure, Club Chartering Template, African American Male Theory)

Institutional Commitment Checklist:

- ✓ The College commits to identifying a counselor and/or faculty member to serve as a mentor/advisor.
- ✓ The College commits to sending and covering the cost associated with having the A²MEND advisor to attend the A²MEND summer training.
- ✓ The College commits to supporting its student charter members and the faculty advisor to attend A²MEND statewide convenings including, but, not limited to the annual A²MEND African American Male Summit.

Cost to Establish a Student Charter:

- Annual institutional fee: \$0 - fee is covered by the CCCCCO
- Site Visit Fee: \$0 - fee is covered by the CCCCCO. Site visit includes a visit from an A²MEND representative(s) to conduct an annual check-in with advisors, students and administrators, and charter planning sessions.
- Total start up cost: \$0 - fee is covered by the CCCCCO



Student Charter Application

College Information

Name of Institution:

College Enrollment (headcount):

Student Demographics (race/ethnic breakdown):

List Current Student Equity Support Programs at Your College (ie. Umoja, Puente, TRiO, Guardian Scholars):

Contact Person Information

Name:

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Major:

Email Address:

Program Readiness Assessment

Please respond to the following questions. Feel free to use the space provided below or attach a separate sheet of paper.

1. Does your institution regularly and systematically provide disaggregated data around student success outcomes? If yes, please provide an example.

6. Feel free to add in additional information that you believe should be taken into consideration in evaluating your college readiness to establish an A²MEND student charter.

Agreement and Signatures

By submitting this application, I commit to the following: identifying a counselor and/or faculty member to serve as a mentor/advisor; sending and covering the cost associated with having the A²MEND advisor to attend the A²MEND summer training; supporting its student charter members and the faculty advisor to attend A²MEND statewide convenings including, but, not limited to the annual A²MEND African American Male Summit.

College President - Signature, Date

College Vice President - Signature, Date

Please submit the completed application by September 18, 2020 to:

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If you have any questions, please call (916) 691-7321

Thank you for completing this application and for your interest in participating in this program.