

FY27 NEW MEMBER GUIDE & NEXT STEPS

Welcome to the Associate Board! Whether you're new to OMD or returning for another year, here's everything you need to know about our structure, leadership opportunities, recruitment timeline, and how to start making an impact for OMD scholars.

FY27 Term: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

New Member Applications: June 22 – July 11, 2026

New here? This guide is your roadmap for FY27 — from what the board accomplished last year, to how the new subcommittee structure works, to exactly what to expect once you're accepted and onboarded in August.

FY26 IMPACT

WHAT WE BUILT TOGETHER

\$15K+

Raised through the Scholar Storytelling Campaign & board outreach efforts

- Supported scholars through coaching, panel participation & networking
- Elevated OMD visibility through donor and volunteer engagement
- Engaged community members in OMD's mission across Chicago

This is the foundation you're building on — thank you for choosing to invest your time, talent, and treasure in OMD scholars.

WHERE YOU'LL PLUG IN

THREE FOCUS AREAS

As a new member, you'll select one subcommittee based on your interests, skills, and availability. This becomes your home base on the board.

Scholar Support & Program Engagement

Goal: Deliver one board-supported scholar engagement activity

Fundraising & Partnerships

Goal: Lead one Associate Board fundraising campaign

Community Building & Events

Goal: Host one professional development workshop for board members

FY27 LEADERSHIP

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ROLES

Board Chair

Vice Chair

Scholar Support & Program Engagement Lead

Fundraising & Partnerships Lead

Community Building & Events Lead

New members aren't expected to step into these roles right away — but they're worth knowing about as you think about your future on the board. Selections are made by the OMD Partnerships Team based on member interest & engagement.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ANNUAL PLANNING

7 / 28 / 2026

MID-YEAR CHECK-IN

1 / 7 / 2027

MEMBER COMMITMENT

TIME · TALENT · TREASURE

- Join one subcommittee aligned with your interests & availability
- Attend quarterly board meetings (4 per year)
- Support annual board initiatives & campaigns
- Serve as an OMD ambassador in your networks
- Participate in volunteer, fundraising, or scholar engagement activities

Flexible by design. Participation is structured to recognize the many ways members contribute throughout the year — no single path required. New members ease in at their own pace.

PARTICIPATION FRAMEWORK & NEXT STEPS

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HOW MEMBERS EARN CREDIT

ACTIVITY	PTS	NOTES
Active Coach (min. 3 of 5 meetings attended)	5	1 pt per meeting attended
Recommend a new volunteer (coach or panelist)	2	—
Attend quarterly AB meetings	4	1 pt per meeting (4 total)
Attend / volunteer at ≥1 OMD event	1	Scholar or volunteer events count
Procure additional in-kind donation	2	—
Opt-in to \$150 membership dues	1	—
Total Available Points	15	Minimum required: 10 pts

Minimum 10 points required for active member status. Participation is flexible and recognizes the many ways members contribute — there's no single right way to hit your points.

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS

SAVE THE DATES

SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING
8/6/26	11/12/26	3/12/27	6/12/27

★ June 15, 2026: FY26 Year-End Celebration & Reflection Meeting — not counted as an FY27 meeting.

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YOUR PATH TO JOINING

NEW MEMBER TIMELINE

- 1 **June 22 – July 11, 2026:** New Member Application Window — apply via FormAssembly
- 2 **July 11–25, 2026:** Applications reviewed by the OMD Partnerships Team
- 3 **July 25, 2026:** Acceptance notifications sent — welcome to the board!
- 4 **August 6, 2026:** Quarterly Meeting #1 — your first official meeting, with new member welcome & onboarding
- 5 **Ongoing:** Connect with your subcommittee lead, set your participation goals, and start earning points toward Good Standing

June 15, 2026	FY26 End-of-Year Celebration & Reflection Meeting — FY27 previewed to current board
June 22, 2026	Current member Intent to Return forms due
June 30, 2026	FY27 Leadership Selections Finalized
July 1, 2026	FY27 Associate Board Term Begins

Excludes subcommittee meetings, Scholar Development Sessions (SDS), and optional OMD community events.

READY TO APPLY?

Scan the QR code or visit the [OMD Associate Board page](#) to complete the FY27 New Member Application.

Application window: June 22 – July 11, 2026



QUESTIONS?

New to the board and not sure where to start? Reach out to the **OMD Partnerships Team** — they're happy to walk you through subcommittees, leadership roles, or membership. onemilliondegrees.org/associate-board