



## Membership conditions for Suomen Opiskelija-Allianssi – OSKU ry as of 1 June 2018

### General

The name of the association is Suomen Opiskelija-Allianssi – OSKU ry. The association's domicile is Helsinki and its operating area is the whole of Finland.

The purpose of the union is to operate as a student interest and service organisation at the national level as well as to promote and monitor students' general and common interests especially in academic, social, educational, and legal matters. In addition, the union functions as a link between its members and activates student activity, promotes the professional, social and athletic pursuits of its members, and promotes cooperation between student organisations.

The members of OSKU ry receive the member benefit of an AMIS student card, which entitles the bearer to significant benefits around Finland and Europe. Further information about the benefits can be found on OSKU ry's website. The members of OSKU ry are also entitled to receive support and guidance in matters relating to studies and lobbying and can participate in events and trainings organised by OSKU ry. Potential participation fees for events and trainings organised by OSKU ry are specified for each event separately.

OSKU ry is a student union established and owned by vocational students. The conference of the union has decision-making power and the board of the union has executive power.

### Membership

OSKU ry can be joined by any person studying in secondary vocational education in Finland who accepts the union's purpose and who pays the personal membership fee for the school year. OSKU ry's membership and student card are personal. In exchange for the membership fee, the member receives a membership sticker, valid for one school year at a time, for their student card each year.

The OSKU ry membership fee is 16 euros per school year. OSKU ry does not have a semester-based membership fee. The membership fee covers the price of membership. The AMIS student card is a member benefit, not a purchasable product. Receiving an AMIS student card requires the payment of the membership fee as well as delivery of the necessary membership information and an approved certificate of enrolment.

You can become a member of OSKU ry on the website [www.osku.info](http://www.osku.info). By applying for membership with the electronic application form, the student accepts these membership conditions and confirms the correctness of their given information.

By supplying their personal information and becoming a member, the student gives their consent for the processing of their personal information as well as permission to collect information in



matters related to membership. The data protection policy for the OSKU ry member register is available on the OSKU ry website.

When becoming a member, the student grants OSKU ry the right to send member messages and communicate on matters relating to membership. Member messages can be sent by mail, e-mail, or text message.

Commencement of membership requires that the application form includes all required information as well as appendices and that the membership fee has been paid. The duration of membership is primarily determined by the student's estimated graduation date. The membership commences when the student's application form has been received and processed and the membership fee paid.

The first school year sticker is already glued to the card. In the following school years, a membership fee invoice is delivered to the student and the sticker is mailed to the student when the membership fee has been paid. The school year sticker is proof of a valid membership and entitlement to the student benefits granted to the members of OSKU ry.

The member is responsible for delivering a certificate of enrolment to OSKU ry annually in order to verify the right to study, for paying the membership fee on time, and for ensuring the validity of the sticker when utilising member benefits. The delivery time for the sticker is approximately 2 weeks from the payment of the membership fee and delivery of the certificate of enrolment. The arrival of the sticker and invoice require the student's address details to be up to date.

The member is responsible for reporting possible changes in their contact information, name, or student information to OSKU ry. Changes can be reported by phone or e-mail to the member service.

OSKU ry reserves the right to terminate a membership due to misuse of the membership or failure to pay the membership fee, or if the member has notably damaged the union with their conduct within the union or outside of it, or if the member no longer fulfils the conditions for membership stated in the union's regulations. In instances of abuse OSKU ry is obligated to report the events to the authorities.

A member may terminate their membership at any time by notifying OSKU ry's member service. The notification can be made by e-mail or phone or by sending a notification of resignation to the office by mail. A paid membership fee will not be reimbursed upon termination of membership.

OSKU ry does not receive information from educational institutions about the graduation status of its members. The member is responsible for informing OSKU ry when they graduate and the membership ends. If the member's studies last longer than estimated, the membership can be continued by delivering a certificate of enrolment with updated information about the estimated duration of studies and by paying the membership fee.

OSKU ry reserves the right to change the price of membership.



## Student card

OSKU ry sends an AMIS student card, which includes a photo and the student's personal and institutional information, to the student as a token of membership. The card is delivered to the student within approximately three weeks of reception of the application form and registration of the fee. If the form is missing information, the delivery time may be longer.

There are two types of AMIS student cards and the conditions for granting them as well as the student benefits conferred by them are different.

### The blue and yellow student card

The blue and yellow student card entitles the member to all student benefits conferred on OSKU ry members, including the national student discounts for VR and Matkahuolto.

The following conditions must be fulfilled in order to receive a blue and yellow student card:

- you study full time and without receiving pay at a vocational educational institution
- you fall within the sphere of the student allowance or adult education
- the studies are continuous for at least 8 months
- the educational institution where you are studying is subject to public oversight
- the studies are not an apprenticeship nor are they a part of workforce training or personnel training
- when participating in blended learning, over 60% of your total studying time consists of face-to-face teaching
- you aren't receiving a per diem allowance (e.g. earnings-related allowance) or support granted by the TE services

### The green student card

The green student card entitles you to local student benefits, but not to the national student discounts for VR and Matkahuolto. You are entitled to a green student card if you study in a vocational educational institution but you do not fulfil the conditions for a blue card.

If you aren't sure which AMIS student card you qualify for, please contact the OSKU ry member service. The student is responsible for choosing the right coloured card when filling in the application information. Changing the colour of the card afterwards is difficult and costly.

OSKU ry reserves the right to check the validity of the given information with the educational institution if necessary. If dishonesty is suspected it may lead to the rejection of the member application and the lengthening of the processing time.

If the delivery of the student card or sticker is delayed for reasons not attributable to OSKU ry, due to significant technical problems or force majeure, OSKU ry is not responsible for compensating for expenses caused by lack of the card or sticker. Delivery times are always estimates and force majeure or a backlog in the processing of card orders at the beginning of the semester may cause delays.



A lost student card must be reported to OSKU ry's member service without delay. OSKU ry is not responsible for compensating for expenses caused by a lost student card. It is possible to deliver a new student card to the student when the disappearance of the old card has been reported. A five (5) euro card production fee is collected for the preparation of the new card. If necessary, the student may be asked to deliver a photo or other information for the preparation of the new card.

### **Other conditions**

The member conditions of Suomen Opiskelija-Allianssi – OSKU ry are applied in the form in which they are published on the OSKU ry website. OSKU ry reserves the right to change the member conditions as it sees fit. The changes will become valid immediately without prior notification. The changes will be reported on the OSKU ry website.

OSKU ry is not responsible for the services and products produced by its cooperation partners or for claims stemming from their actions.