# OFFICER TRANSACTIONS: COMPLETE OVERVIEW

Student Organization Finance Office

### **Transaction Checklist**

- □ In the "Officer Resources" page of the SOFO website, you can access SOFO's Transaction Checklist, which outlines all the requirements for SOFO Transactions and Account Actions. We highly recommend that you reference this document when preparing and submitting transactions:
  - https://www.northwestern.edu/ norris/services/sofo/assets/tra nsaction-checklist4-2019.pdf



### Transaction Guidelines

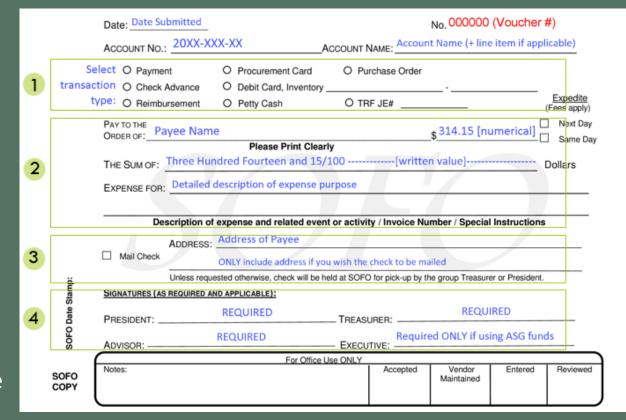
- Only authorized officers are allowed to handle transactions with SOFO
  - Officers who have submitted a SOFO quiz, undergone training, and are currently signed into their respective accounts
- Vouchers must be completed in Black or Blue ink (no pencil!)
- A signed voucher is needed for ALL transactions
- Voucher books can be picked up at the SOFO office by authorized officers
- Unless otherwise specified, all transactions are processed in the form of a check
- All transactions take a minimum of
   2-4 business days to process (unless submitted with a rush voucher)

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SOFO Date Stamp:	ADVISOR: EXECUTIVE:								
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Voucher

## Voucher – Example

- 1. Transaction type must be selected.
- 2. Payee Information needed:
  - Pay to the order of:Payee Name
  - Numerical Amount
  - "Sum of"/Written
    Amount
  - Expense for: Detailed description of expense



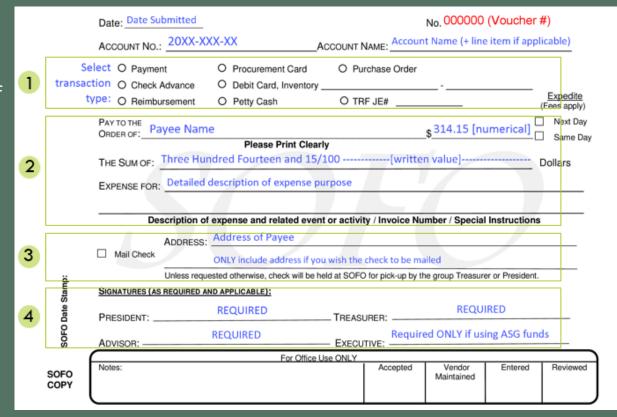
## Voucher – Example

## Mailing Address (if needed)

- If no address is provided, the check will be held at SOFO for pickup by one of the group officers
- Only include an address if you wish for the check to be mailed

#### 4. Signatures:

- Every voucher requires the signatures of both officers and the advisor
- When using funds from an ASG-sponsored line, the voucher must also be signed by the group's ASG Executive



### **SOFO** Transactions Overview

There are four main transactions taken care of at SOFO:

### Reimbursements

 A withdrawal from an organization's account to pay a person back for personal funds used to facilitate a group activity.

### Payments

 A withdrawal to pay a vendor directly (preferred method).

### **Transfers**

Movement of funds from one place to another.

#### **Check Advances**

 A withdrawal from an organization's account, as an "advance" of funds to buy goods.

### Reimbursements

#### There are 3 types of reimbursements:

- General Reimbursements
- Petty Cash Reimbursements (\$30 or less)
- Online/Digital Purchase Reimbursements

#### Required Documentation:

- Voucher
- Signed Original Receipts
- Blank sheet of paper (to tape receipts)
- Adding Machine Tape (to add up receipt totals)
- Petty Cash Pay-Out form (ONLY for Petty Cash)

## Reimbursements: Requirements

### Receipt Requirements:

- Advisor Signature
  - Must be on receipt, not to the side
- Date of Purchase
  - Less than 85 days old
- Vendor Contact Information
  - Name, address, phone
- Itemization
  - Individual items need to be listed on the receipt
- Proof of Purchase
  - Indicates balance paid/zero balance due
- Method of Payment
  - Cash or Credit



### Reimbursements: Restrictions

### Receipt Restrictions:

- No IL sales tax will be reimbursed
  - IL sales tax on **Dine-In** restaurant receipts are the one exception
  - We will accept other types of taxes and fees (e.g. occupancy, amusement tax)
  - To avoid paying tax, you may obtain a Tax-Exempt Form from SOFO prior to your purchase
- NO alcohol or tobacco (these will immediately invalidate any other items on the receipt for reimbursement)
- **Tip** less than or equal to 20% of the receipt subtotal (prior to taxes) can be reimbursed; anything in excess of 20% will be refused for reimbursement
- If shown on the receipt, the billing information must match the name of the person being reimbursed
- **Gift cards** can ONLY be reimbursed when the receipt is accompanied by the recipient's W-9 (for more information on W-9s, see the Payments section of this presentation)





### Illinois Sales Tax

- To avoid paying IL sales tax, authorized officers may pick up one-time use tax-exempt letters to give to vendors.
- To obtain a tax-exempt letter, you must provide SOFO with the following information:
  - Name of the person making the purchase
  - Date of purchase
  - Vendor name



## Submitting Receipts

- Formatting Documentation
  - Blank Sheet of Paper: Tape all receipts on a blank sheet of paper.
    - Make sure that the all the receipt requirements are visible.
    - If you split a receipt, make sure your advisor has signed on all parts.
  - Adding Machine Tape: If your reimbursement includes multiple receipts, create an adding tape to add up the total of all receipts minus sales tax, and tape this to the blank sheet of paper with your receipts.

#### Receipt #1



#### Receipt #2



#### **Adding Tape**

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### Petty Cash – Reimbursements \$30 or less

- Petty Cash is a reimbursement that is less than or equal to \$30.00.
- If one person is being reimbursed for multiple receipts and together they add up to more than \$30, it should be processed as a regular reimbursement check (not separate petty cash transactions).
- The requirements for petty cash reimbursement receipts are the same as the reimbursement receipt requirements listed earlier.







## Petty Cash Pay-Out Form

- A Petty Cash Pay-Out Form is needed for a reimbursement of \$30 or less.
- The receipts are attached directly to this form.
- The reimbursement paperwork is processed immediately at the SOFO window and returned to the officer to be taken to the Cashier's Office, where they will distribute the cash value of the reimbursement, rather than a check.

PETTY CASH PAY-O Student Organizati Norris Unive (847) 491-2328 • se	on Finance Office ersity Center					
Receipt Date (earliest):	Voucher No:					
Account Name	Account No. 2 0					
Explanation of Expenditure(s) (Requires inclusion of purpose, event, and event dates associated with the	expenditure) Amount					
Pavee Information (Please print carefully. All fields must be completed.	Total					
First Name (Legal)	Last Name (Legal)					
Street Address (Permanent)	NetID					
City/Province	Student/EMPL ID					
State, Zip Code, Country	Mobile Phone ( ) -					
NU Email Address						
*Caution: The student organization assumes the financial risk for loss of funds due to faulty information provided on this form.  Information is considered faulty if it is incorrect, inaccurate, or unclear due to, but not limited to, misspelling, typos, transposition, or poor penmanship. It is the responsibility of the organization's officer to verify that the information is accurate with the payee and that it is legible with the financial assistant. Distribution of funds based on faulty information may not be reversible or recoverable.						
Officer Attestation of Expenditure As an officer registered with SOFO, of the student organization nan also attest to having personally verified that the paid amounts listed organization's charter/mission.						
Name	Treasurer President					
Signature	SOFO FINANCIAL ASSISTANT DATE					
SOFO ADMINISTRATOR	CASHIER'S OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR					

Tape receipts on reverse side

### Reimbursements — Online Purchases

- The receipt requirements for online purchase reimbursements are the same. You should treat your order and shipping confirmation(s) as your receipt.
- Online Receipt Requirements:
  - Itemization
  - **Advisor Signature**
  - Date of Purchase (<85 days old)
  - **Vendor Contact Information**
  - Proof of Purchase (indicates balance paid/"your credit card has been charged \$...")
  - **Purchaser Name** 
    - Must match the name of the person being reimbursed
  - No IL state sales tax
    - To avoid paying sales tax on online orders, you can use the SOFO procurement card (see "Payments")

Print this page for your records.

Order Placed: May 15, 2017

Amazon.com order number: XXX-XXXXXXX-XXXXXXX

Order Total: \$37.86

<b>(Shipped on May 16, 2017</b> ) D	vate
Items Ordered Itemization  1 of: Sawyer Products SP657 Premium Permethrin Clothing Insect Rep. Trigger Spray, 24-Ounce, Sawyer Sold by: Amazon.com LLC	Price \$14.99
Condition: New 1 of: 12-in-1 Headband [Tactical] - Versatile Lightweight Sports & Cas Headwear - Bandana, Neck Gaiter, Balaclava, Helmet Liner, Mask & M Constructed with High Performance Moisture Wicking Microfiber, Trans Sold by: Tough Outfitters	lore.
Condition: New 1 of: <i>Mountain House Chicken Teriyaki with Rice</i> Sold by: Amazon.com LLC	\$6.36
Condition: New 1 of: <i>Mountain House Chicken and Dumplings with Vegetables, Pouch</i> Sold by: Amazon.com LLC	\$7.4
Condition: New	
Shipping Address: Daenerys Targaryen 123 ADDRESS ST APT 2  Advisor Signature	Item(s) Subtotal: \$36.79 Shipping & Handling: \$5.99 Free Shipping: -\$5.99
EVANSTON, IL 60201-3129 United States	Total before tax: \$36.79 Sales Tax: \$1.03
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#### Payment information

Payment Method: Visa | Last digits: 7293

Purchaser Information

Billing address

United States

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Item(s) Subtotal: \$36.79 Shipping & Handling: \$5.99

> Free Shipping: -\$5.99 Total without Tax

Estimated tax to be collected: \$1.07

Grand Total: \$37.86

redit Card transactions Method/Proof of Payment Visa ending in 1000

To view the status of your order, return to Order Summary.

\*Amazon receipts only need the vendor name, but most online receipts address and phone number

Conditions of Use | Privacy Notice © 1996-2017, Amazon.com, Inc. or its affiliates also require an email Vendor Name & Contact Info\*

## Reimbursements – Online Example

#### Amazon

- Go to "Your Orders," click on "Order Details," select "View or Print Invoice" for receipt
- Make sure the status of the order is "Shipped on ..." as this indicates that the payment has processed



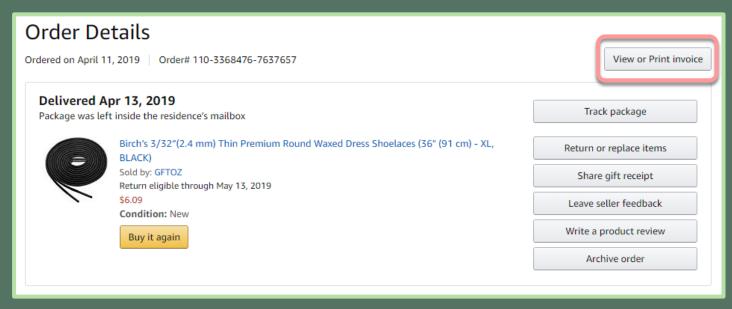
**Not Yet Shipped** 



Shipping Now...



Shipped on April 12, 2019



## Reimbursements – Online Example

### Uber/Lyft

- Submit the email you receive after completing the ride and tip
  - Remember to tip less than 20%!



Uber	Mon, Apr 01, 2019
Thanks for tipping, M  Here's your updated Monday morning ride receipt.	
Total	\$27.20
Trip Fare	\$19.70
Subtotal	\$19.70
Tolls, Surcharges, and Fees	\$4.50
Tip	\$3.00
Amount Charged	
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<b>VISA</b> •••• 8652	\$3.00
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UberX 6.79 miles   15 min	
<b>04:21am</b>   9 W St, Boston, MA	
04:36am   BOS Terminal B West, Harborside Dr, Boston, MA	

## Payments

#### There are 5 types of payments:

- Non-Contractual Payment
- Purchase Order
- Donation
- Scholarship/Award
- Contractual Payment

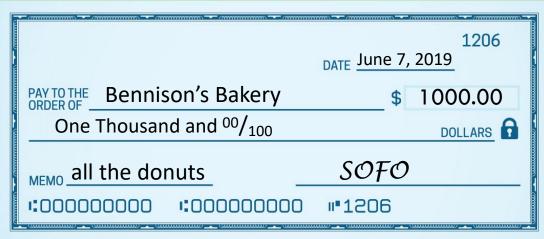
#### Required Documentation:

- Voucher
- Signed Invoice/Memo/Contract (depending on the type of payment)
- W-9 or Employee ID (ONLY for payments to individuals)

## Payments

- Payments are used to pay a vendor directly from an organization's SOFO account, for goods or services.
- Payments are made in the form of a check or credit card payment (i.e. the SOFO procurement card), depending on how the group decides to pay the vendor.
- We strongly encourage you to use payments as often as possible (instead of reimbursements) to prevent your members from having to pay for things out of pocket!





## ALL Payments — W-9 Form

## ALL Payments require a W-9Form for the payee

- This is an IRS form that collects taxpayer information so that a payee's income may be recorded by SOFO, per IRS regulations:
  - https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf
- The payee name on the voucher must match the name on the W-9 exactly

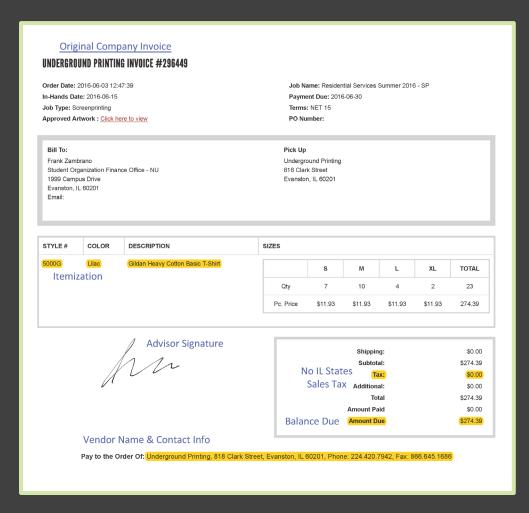
#### A W-9 Must Be:

- Signed pen-to-paper by the payee (NO digital signatures)
- Dated within the current calendar year
- Filled out completely

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## Payments - Invoice (Non-Contractual)

- If your student group receives an invoice and would like to pay a company without the use of personal funds, you may make a payment by submitting the invoice to SOFO.
- Invoice Requirements:
  - Original company invoice
    - Must be an INVOICE (not a quote/estimate)
  - Vendor contact information
  - Itemized list of items being purchased
  - Advisor signature
  - No IL sales tax (a tax-exempt letter can be obtained from SOFO)
  - Accompanied by W-9 form
- Payments to companies or individuals for services or rentals cannot be processed without a contract (covered later in the presentation).



## Payments – SOFO Procurement Card

- The SOFO procurement card is a credit card that you may use to make payments directly to vendors (this is NOT the same as a group debit card)
- Procurement Card Request Requirements:
  - List of items to be purchased (similar to an invoice)
    - Vendor Name
    - Itemization (what will be purchased)
      - With Amazon, you should create and print a Wish List; with most other vendors, you can simply print out an itemized Shopping Cart
    - Advisor Signature (if multiple pages, on every page)
  - In addition to the documents submitted for these transactions, you must also send an email to the SOFO Manager that includes:
    - Group name and voucher number
    - Link to the Shopping Cart/Product Page or Wish List (Amazon)
    - Your preferred shipping address
  - Groups will need to make sure that the IL sales tax is not included on invoices submitted for procurement card payments (use tax-exempt form).
    - Exception (Amazon): SOFO has a tax-exempt Amazon account. With all other vendors, you
      must establish tax exemption with the vendor before submitting your request to SOFO
      (call your company representative or customer service for instructions on tax exemption)

## Payments – NU Preferred Vendors

- Some vendors have pre-existing agreements with NU that allow us to purchase goods tax-exempt (and sometimes at a discount). To make a purchase from a preferred vendor, please reach out to the SOFO Manager to schedule a meeting.
  - List of NU Preferred Vendors:
    - https://www.northwestern.edu/procurement/purchasing/purchasing -strategic-sourcing/preferred-vendors/secure/index.html
- When meeting with the SOFO Manager, you will need to submit a list of items to be purchased, including:
  - Vendor Name
  - Itemization (please come prepared with the item numbers of each item to be purchased)
  - Advisor Signature (if multiple pages, on every page)
  - On-Campus Shipping Address

## Payments — Travel

- Travel accommodations can be booked directly through NU's travel portal. To make a travel booking, please set up a meeting with the SOFO Manager.
  - We strongly encourage you to book travel this way, rather than having your members or guests pay for travel out of pocket and wait for reimbursement.
- To book travel with the SOFO Manager, you will need the following traveler information:
  - Full name, gender, and date of birth (month/day/year) as it appears on their government-issued ID
  - Phone number



## Payments — Purchase Orders & Donations

#### Purchase Orders:

Purchase Orders should only be used if specifically requested by the vendor (this is rare). Should you receive this request, please reach out to SOFO for instructions on submitting the payment.

#### Donations:

Donations to outside entities create tax implications for the University that must be addressed before the payment is processed. Should your organization wish to donate to an outside entity, please reach out to SOFO well in advance of the intended payment

## Payments — Scholarship/Award

A request to provide a scholarship or award to a student requires that a voucher be marked as a Payment transaction. The group will also need to submit a signed letter/memo.

- Memo Requirements:
  - Recipient's name
  - Amount awarded
  - Brief description of the scholarship/award
  - Signatures of both officers and the advisor
  - ONE of the following:
    - Recipient's W-9 form (if recipient is NOT an NU Employee)
    - Recipient's NU ID# (if recipient IS an NU Employee, including student jobs)

Dear Student Organization Finance Office,

This is a memorandum to request that **Jon Snow** be awarded **\$100.00** (one hundred dollars) as the winner of our Winter Scholarship.

Sincerely, NU Night's Watch

Maester Aemon, Treasurer

Benjen Stark, President

Jeor Mormont, Advisor

## Payments – Contractual

Contractual payments are required whenever terms and conditions exist. They are used to pay companies or individuals for rentals or services (including performances).

- Documentation Requirements:
  - Invoice (if provided by the vendor), including:
    - Vendor name and contact information
    - Itemization
    - Advisor Signature

#### Contract:

- If provided by the vendor, submit the vendor's contract agreement
- Northwestern Registered Student Organization Agreement (i.e. NU contract form):
  - https://www.northwestern.edu/studentorgs/org-officers/policy-index/contracts/index.html
- Contracts MUST be signed by a University Official Contract Authority
  - Some Contract Authorities need several weeks' notice to review and sign a contract, so plan accordingly!
  - If you need help finding a Contract Authority, please reach out to SOFO

#### ONE of the following:

- Recipient's W-9 form (if recipient is NOT an NU Employee)
- Recipient's NU ID# (if recipient IS an NU Employee, including student jobs)
- Since your advisor will not be signing on the contract, they must sign the voucher



## Contract Examples

#### A Contract Should Be Used For:

- Services provided by companies or individuals. A contract must be used even if the person/entity is not compensated for their appearance or performance
  - Some examples of services include speaking, performing, coaching, refereeing, photography, web page design, parking valet, musical performances, and disc jockeying
- Any transaction that involves terms and conditions
- Renting an off-campus venue for an event
- Renting a vehicle (Limo, U-Haul, Car Rental)
- Purchasing group tickets for off-campus events or shows (Broadway in Chicago, Great America, Chicago Cubs, group classes).
- Outside caterer, sound/light company, security firm, ambulance service, and equipment rented for the event.
- A corporate sponsorship.
- Middle agent agreement to pay a "finders fee" in securing the act for the student group
- A co-promoter agreement when a promoter co-produces a concert with the student group







### **IMPORTANT:** Contracts

- Students should NEVER sign on a contract!
  - A contract must be signed by a University Contract Signing Authority (NOT you or your advisor) and by the vendor.
- If an invoice involves terms and conditions, it is considered a contract.
  - This is most common with rentals
- \*SOFO cannot reimburse someone who pays out of pocket for any contractual service (i.e. contracts MUST be processed as payments).\*



Sign on the dotted line

### Contract

 SOFO will provide a contract template if a vendor or an individual to be paid does not have one drafted.

#### Contracts Must:

- Be completed in ink
- Be signed by a University official (NOT your advisor)
  - Students should never sign a contract!
- Include the name and contact information of the payee
- Indicate the event date and time
- Specify the amount to be paid

#### 2017-18 Northwestern Registered Student Organization Agreement

Please type or print legibly. Agreement should be returned within 14 (fourteen) business days of the event. Agreement should be completely filled out and is subject to the approval of Student Affairs staff.

This Agreement is entered into on this date:

(Expulser) and Northwestern threast (Northwestern). In consideration of the compensation and/or use of Northwestern facilities referenced below, the parties agree to the following terms and conditions.

Services to be provided by the Supplier.

Date/film of Engagement.

Place of Engagement.

Compensation to Supplier (enter \$0 if there is no cost):

Northwestern hock: should be made payable to.

Federal D number or Social Security #

Description of Additional needs (e.g. soundlights, hospitality, travel, special equipment).

- Student Group Contact: Name:

   Unless otherwise specified, Supplier will be responsible for providing its own equipment if necessary
- Supplier will be paid by Northwestern check following its performance of the services to be rendered under this Contract.
- No performance or program, or any part thereof is to be reproduced by Northwesterm, including but not limited reproduction by broadcasting, videotaping, or tape recording without the written permission of the Supplier is similarly prohible of from reproducing a performance or program held on Northwestern campus without the written permission of Chinversity Relations at Northwestern.
- Unless Northwestern, in its discretion, has given express advance written consent, University trade names, trademarks, nicknames, symbols, logos, or images are not permitted to appear in Supplier's materials, on Supplier's websites, or other communications.
- It is specifically agreed that the Supplier, its employees and agents are acting as independent contractors and are not agents or employees of Northwestern It is further agreed that the Supplier agrees to perform and discharge as obligations as an independent contumed may and all laws, whether existing or in the future, including but not limited to federal or state social security laws, employee compensation and unemployment insurance.
- It is understood and agreed that the consumption of alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs by Supplier on University premises before, during or
  after the performance is in violation of University policy, and may result in the immediate termination of the Contract, with no liability to Northwestern.
- If alcohol will be available, the terms of the Northwestern Events with Alcohol Rider apply

Indemnification, Notwithstanding any other provision, Suppler agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Northwestern and any of its trustees, officers, agents and employees of and from any hoss, cost, dramage or expense incurred as a consequence of dramage to property, personal injury or death, arising or alleged to have arisen out of or in connection with the presence of any Suppler employees, agents or subcontractors on the Orthwestern property which is in any expansed edwith the performance of this Agreement, fogether with any legal and related expenses which may be incurred by Northwestern in defending such claims, unless such loss results solely from the necligent actor or missions of Northwestern.

Limitation of Liability, Except as set forth herein, neither the Supplier nor Northwestern shall be liable to the other party for indirect or consequential damages, even if such party has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

Insurance Requirements. Prior for rendering any services under the Agreement, Supplier shall proquer and maintain (aft is so expense) the following insurance which add over the size of any subcontractor comprehensive general liability in an amount of not less than \$1 million or each coursero and \$2 million in the aggregate, statutory workers' compensation insurance as required by law, automobile liability insurance in an amount not less than \$50,000. Northwestern, its distillates, officers, directors, studese, workness, and employer's statibly insurance in a amount of note set than \$50,000. Northwestern its distillates, officers, directors, studese, workness, and employees shall be manded interface amount of note less than \$50,000. Northwestern its affailates, officers, directors, studese, workness, and employees shall be manded interface with a under the General Liability, Automobile Liability and Excess United to possible on a primary, non-contributory basis. All postices that wive injuits of subrogation against Northwestern insurance within the placed with repudited insurance within the coverages above. Failure of Northwestern to notify Supplier of any deficiences in the required insurance positions or request insurance confidences shall not referve the Supplier from the responsibility to provide the septended insurance overgages.

Governing Law, The Agreement shall be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, excluding its choice of law rules. In the event of a dispute, the parties agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state courts of, and federal courts sitting in, Cook County, Illinois.

Tax Exempt, Northwestern is evernif from the relatiest occupation tax, the service occupation tax (both state and local), the use tax, and the service use tax. Our lithnois State tax exemption identification number is £ 9900-4055. Northwestern is also exempt from the Federal excise tax as an exempt institution (sec. 4222/RC). Our Federal excise tax exemption certificate registry number is \$675-4068F.

To the extent that the terms of this agreement conflict with the terms and conditions set forth by the Supplier, the terms of this agreement shall take precedence. AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED BY:

Authorized Northwestern Staff Representati	ive	Supplier
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Date:	Address:	
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## Payments to NU Employees

- When submitting payments to individuals employed by NU:
  - Include the payee's Employee/Student ID on the voucher
  - These individuals will be paid directly through the University payroll.
  - This is the only type of payment in which a W-9 is *not* required





## SOFO: Mailing Payments

- All payments to be mailed by SOFO will be mailed:
  - Through Campus Mail
    - Campus mail adds extra time to the mailing process and may take up to 2 weeks to get to the vendor.
  - With check ONLY (unless otherwise specified)
    - If a group needs additional documents mailed with a check they must:
      - Make a note on the voucher that additional documents should be mailed.
      - Submit copies of all documents that need to be mailed with the check.
        - Ex: Invoice, contract, etc.



### **Transfers**

### There are 2 types of transfers:

- Line Item (Internal) Transfer
- External Transfer

#### Required Documentation:

- Voucher
- External Only: Same documentation needed for a payment or a reimbursement depending on what the transfer is being used for.

## Transfers — Line Item (Internal)

- Line Item Transfers are funds transferred within the same account (for accounts with multiple line items).
  - These require ONLY a voucher
- Usually used to clear a deficit or disperse budgeted funds to specific line items.
  - Example of line items: Storage, Spring Break Trip, Formal Event, Van Rentals
- Voucher Requirements:
  - "Account No.": line that funds are coming out of (20XX-XXX-YY)
  - "Pay to the Order of": line that funds are going into (20XX-XXX-ZZ)
  - Signature of both officers and the advisor
  - If funds are coming out of an ASG-sponsored line, the voucher also requires the signature of the Account Executive (AE) or Group Executive (GE)

Student Org A: Line Item 1



Student Org A: Line Item 2

### Transfers – External

 External transfers are funds transferred out of one group's account into another group's account for the purpose of a payment or reimbursement.



#### Required Documentation:

- Voucher
  - The receiving organization's name is written in the "Pay to the Order of" line
  - A 20 digit chartstring will be needed for University departments
- See Payment requirements for transfers functioning as payments
- See Reimbursement requirements for transfers functioning as reimbursements
- (for more detailed instructions, reference the transaction Checklist on the SOFO website)



Organization B

## Transfers – External (NU Financials)

- Some external transfer payments will be initiated by other NU departments. This means that SOFO will not be aware of these transactions until they have been posted.
  - Some Examples are:
    - Motor Pool
    - On-campus venue reservations
    - Funding or charges from academic departments
- It is very important that officers keep track of these transactions, because it can take up to 45 days for them to show up on the group's audit trail.
  - These transactions could be debits from the account or credits to the account.
  - Ask the department involved for a **NU Financials Journal ID#** connected to the transaction, and we can verify that your group has funds either coming in or going out.

### Check Advance

### Required Documentation:

#### **Before Purchase**

Voucher – including detailed description of planned expenditure

#### After Purchase

- Signed Original Receipts (Receipt Requirements apply)
- Blank Sheet of Paper (to tape receipts)
- Adding Machine Tape (to add up receipts)
- Check Advance Reconciliation Form

### Check Advance

- A Check Advance is a check issued from an organization's account as an "advance" to buy goods.
- It differs from a Payment in that advances are used when an invoice, or receipt, is not generated until after the sale is complete.
- It differs from a Reimbursement in that organization members do not have to use personal funds to make purchases and wait for reimbursement; rather, they will make purchases using funds taken out of the group's SOFO account.

#### **Check Advance Timeline:**



### Check Advance Restrictions

- □ Check advances may be obtained for amounts ranging from \$31.00 to \$500.00.
  - If more than \$500 is needed, groups may take out multiple check advances.
- Check advances can only be made payable to a group's treasurer or president.
- Groups may make multiple purchases with one check advance.
- Advances may be used for any authorized expenditures (e.g. munchies, group dinners, etc.) that fall within University/organizational guidelines.

### Check Advance Restrictions ctd.

- Advances will be refused if they would put the organization's account in deficit.
- Advances cannot be used to reimburse officers on past purchases (a "reimbursement" transaction should be initiated by voucher instead).
  - Receipts or invoices dated prior to the check's distribution from the SOFO service counter will be refused for reconciliation.
- Advances may NEVER be used to pay on contracts
- No IL Sales Tax on Receipts
  - If check advance funds are used to pay IL Sales Tax, the group will need to deposit the amount spent on tax back into the account in order to reconcile the advance.
  - You may request a tax-exempt letter from SOFO to avoid paying sales tax.

#### Check Advance Reconciliation

- All advances must be reconciled within <u>30 days</u> from the date the check is printed
  - If SOFO does not receive this reconciliation within 30 days, the account will be FROZEN
- Reconciliation works a lot like a reimbursement, in that you submit all receipts to SOFO for review along with the reconciliation form
  - All receipts must follow the same restrictions as those you would submit for reimbursement, i.e. they must include:
    - The vendor contact information
    - Date of purchase
    - Itemization
    - Method and proof of payment
    - Advisor's signature

### Check Advance Reconciliation Form

When requesting a check advance, officers guess how much money they will need to buy the items necessary for their organization's activity. More often than not, there will be a difference in the amount disbursed and the amount used. This is where a check advance reconciliation form is needed.

#### Underspent?

Deposit the remaining funds at the Cashier's Office and attach the deposit slip to the reconciliation form.

#### Overspent?

Turn in a reimbursement voucher for the amount overspent along with the receipts used to reconcile the check advance. SOFO will reimburse for overspent check advances.

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# Transaction Wrap-Up

You should now be familiar with the four main transaction types and all of their sub-types:

#### Reimbursements

- General Reimbursements
- Petty Cash Reimbursements (\$30 or less)
- Online/Digital Purchase Reimbursements

#### **Payments**

- Non-Contractual Payment
- Purchase Order
- Donation
- Procurement Card

- Preferred Vendor
- Travel
- Scholarship/Award
- Contractual Payment

#### Transfers

- Internal (Line Item) Transfer External Transfer

#### Check Advances

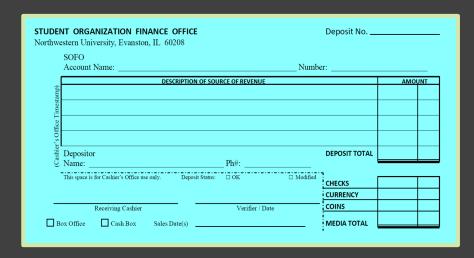
### **Bonus: Other Transactions**

- These do not fall under the four main transaction types but are nevertheless important:
  - Deposits
  - Rush Vouchers
  - Motor Pool
  - Crowdfunding

# Deposits – Cashier's Office

#### How to deposit funds into your SOFO account:

- Deposits may take the form of cash/coins or checks.
- Deposits are made at the Cashier's Office, located to the left of SOFO.
  - Hours: Monday Friday, 9AM-4PM
- Anyone (not just officers) can make deposits into SOFO accounts.
- Please make all checks payable to Northwestern University, with your group name in the check memo
- Record all deposits the group's ledger.



#### Deposit Slip

Available at the Cashier's Office Include check information and purpose in the "Description or Source of Revenue"

### Rush Vouchers

- Rush vouchers may be submitted in addition to the original voucher and documentation in order to have SOFO expedite a transaction.
- Rush applies only to the check making process – we cannot expedite mailing checks.
  - If you need your check to be mailed quickly, you should pick it up from our office and mail it yourself.
- A Rush Voucher MUST be submitted at the same time as the voucher/check you wish to be rushed



#### Rush Vouchers

- Filling out a Rush Voucher:
  - Transaction Type: Transfer
  - Pay to the Order of: SOFO
  - Expense for: Rush Voucher #(voucher being rushed)
  - Signed by both officers and the advisor (+AE/GE if applicable)
- Same Day Rush:
  - **\$20**
  - Must be submitted before 1:00pm
  - Ready by 4:00pm on the same day



- Next Day Rush:
  - **\$15**
  - Ready around the time of submission on the following business day

#### Motor Pool – Process

 Faculty, staff and students can use Motor Pool vehicles for official University business. Student Organization use must be authorized by the Student Organization Finance Office (SOFO).



- All drivers must take the defensive driving course and be awarded certification.
- Forms turned into SOFO will be reviewed and sent to the Motor Pool office on behalf of the student organization.



- Make a Motor Pool reservation before coming to SOFO.
  - Go to the Motor Pool website and familiarize yourself with their policies and procedures: <a href="http://www.northwestern.edu/fm/services/motor-pool/index.html">http://www.northwestern.edu/fm/services/motor-pool/index.html</a>



### Motor Pool — SOFO Form

- Bring the completed form to SOFO:
  - Deductible: Motor Pool will charge a deductible of at least \$500 per vehicle in the case of an accident (and only if there is an accident).
    - Student organizations must have enough funds to cover the cost of vehicle rental plus the potential deductible.
  - Must have the signature of both officers and the advisor.
  - If traveling outside the Chicago area (more than 150 miles), the Executive Director of Campus Life will also need to sign.

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### Motor Pool – SOFO Forms

- Only students who have completed the university's Defensive Driving Course may drive the rented vehicles. Drivers are checked by SOFO before submission.
  - Ensure that anyone who will be driving is listed on the Motor Pool Form.
  - If you have more drivers than space on the form, submit an Additional Drivers Form.

#### Driver Authorization and Payment Approval (Student Organization Use of Northwestern University Vehicles) Only group officers signed in with SOFO may submit this form to SOFO

This completed form must be submitted to Motor Pool at least 24 hours before vehicle is needed.

Fax to (847) 467-2188 or Email to motor-pool@northwestern.edu

Only students who have completed the university's Defensive Driving Course may drive the rented vehicles. Each certified driver must be listed below; verified on the Risk Management website; and approved by the group's advisor before the form is submitted to SOFO. Advisors can verify the status of Northwestern University Certified Drivers at <a href="http://www.northwestern.edu/risk/policies/university-vehicle/list-of-approved-drivers.html">http://www.northwestern.edu/risk/policies/university-vehicle/list-of-approved-drivers.html</a>.

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# Crowdfunding – Catalyzer

- Organizations wishing to conduct a crowdfunding campaign MUST do so through the Northwestern University crowdfunding platform, Catalyzer (more information about the application and campaigning process can be found on the Catalyzer website):
  - https://catalyzer.northwestern.edu/
- Organizations should NEVER set up independent crowdfunding campaigns outside of Catalyzer, as these create tax implications for which the campaign owner may be held personally liable (in Catalyzer, the University assumes these liabilities)



## Bonus: Other Transactions-Wrap Up

- You should now also be familiar with:
  - How and where to make <u>Deposits</u>
  - What to do if you need to expedite the making of a check with a Rush Voucher
  - How to rent vehicles from the University through Motor Pool
  - How to set up a crowdfunding campaign through <u>Catalyzer</u>