



**CONSTITUTION**  
**Student Association**  
**Youth Empowerment Program**

**ARTICLE I NAME**

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be The Student Association of The Youth Empowerment Program

**ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

Section 1 The purpose of this organization is to represent the student body of YEP, and/or advise the YEP board on conflicts or improvements in/to the organization

**ARTICLE III AUTHORITY**

Section 1 This organization is a recognized student organization of The Youth Empowerment Program and adheres to all policies as set forth in the Youth Empowerment Program Code of Student Conduct and the Youth Empowerment Student Organization Policies and Guidelines.

Section 2 This organization will establish bylaws to govern administrative and procedural matters such as time and location of meetings, etc. Bylaws shall not conflict with this constitution. Bylaws may be adopted, amended, or temporarily suspended by a majority vote present at an organization meeting where a quorum is present.

**ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1 Membership in the association shall be open to those regularly-enrolled In the Youth Empowerment Program.

Section 2 Eligibility for membership or appointed or elected student officer positions may not be limited on the basis of race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, color, age, gender, gender identity, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, or disability. The organization shall have no rules or policies that discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, color, age, gender, gender identity, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, or disability.

Section 3 This organization shall have associated members who are non-executive students who are not a part of their district board. Associated members shall have all membership Privilege.

**Article V OFFICERS**

Section 1 The officers of the Student Association shall be a PRESIDENT, VICE- PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND CHAPLIN All executive members are open to Assistants

Section 2 In order to run for office in in the Student Association , members must in good standing with Yep and their district

Section 3 While in office officers must maintain a 2.0 GPA and must not have below 2.0 for more than one semester.

Section 4 Officers must be a matriculated student and be in good standing with his or her school.

Section 5 All officers serve for a term of ONE (1) YEAR or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

Section 6 Any officer who, during the term of his/her office, ceases to be a voting member, or fails to maintain his/ her status as a matriculating student maintaining a 2.0 g.p.a., in good academic and disciplinary standing with their respective schools, shall be removed from his/her office and a replacement shall be elected.

#### **Article VI MEETINGS**

Section 1 Regular meetings shall be held bi-weekly during the YEP year

Section 2 Special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the Executive Board. All members must be given a minimum of 24 hours' notice prior to the meeting time.

Section 3 Business cannot be conducted unless a quorum of the membership is present. A quorum for this organization is defined as a majority of the voting membership.

Section 4 Members must be present to vote.

#### **ARTICLE VII STUDENT ASSOCIATION MENTORS**

Section 1 The Student Association Mentor will be appointed by The President and CEO with consultation with the YEP board. The mentor will fulfill the responsibilities specified in the the YEP Student Organization Mentor Handbook. Mentors shall serve on yearly basis or until their successor has been selected.

#### **ARTICLE VIII FINANCES**

Section 1 Membership dues shall be \$ 2.00

Section 2 Dues shall be paid at Every meeting

Section 3 Members who have not paid their dues or special assessments by the due date shall be considered as not being in good standing and shall lose all membership privileges.

Section 4 Organization funds shall not be used to purchase or reimburse members for alcoholic beverages.

#### **ARTICLE IX DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS**

Section 1 All members of the Student Association are expected to uphold the rules and regulations of the Youth Empowerment Student Code of Conduct and adhere to the policies and procedures set for in the Youth Empowerment Program Student Organization Policies.

Section 2 Members that violate the Student Code of Conduct and Student Organization policies may face disciplinary action.

## **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

Section 1 Proposed amendments to this constitution shall be presented to the membership, in writing, one meeting prior to the meeting where the amendment will be voted upon. The Executive Board shall review and make recommendations on all bylaw revisions prior to consideration by the membership.

Section 2 Constitution amendments require approval by two-thirds of the voting members present at a regular meeting. The amendment shall be effective immediately unless otherwise stipulated in the amendment.

Section 3 A copy of any amendments to this constitution must be submitted to the Youth Empowerment Program Executive board within two weeks after adoption.