



Young Americans for Freedom Chapter Constitution

Article I. Organization

A. The name of this organization shall be the

Indiana University Young Americans for Freedom Chapter,
(hereinafter referred to as the “Chapter”).

B. The Chapter operates under the auspices of the national Young Americans for Freedom, which is a project of Young America’s Foundation, 11480 Commerce Park Dr., Sixth Floor, Reston, VA 20191, (800-USA-1776, <http://www.yaf.org/>), a Virginia nonprofit corporation, exempt from federal income taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article II. Purposes

The purposes of this Chapter are as follows:

A. To provide an organizational framework to promote the general principles of Young Americans for Freedom which were adopted in Sharon, Connecticut on September 11, 1960, as follows:

In this time of moral and political crises, it is the responsibility of the youth of America to affirm certain eternal truths.

We, as young conservatives, believe:

That foremost among the transcendent values is the individual's use of his God-given free will, whence derives his right to be free from the restrictions of arbitrary force;

That liberty is indivisible, and that political freedom cannot long exist without economic

freedom;

That the purpose of government is to protect those freedoms through the preservation of internal order, the provision of national defense, and the administration of justice;

That when government ventures beyond these rightful functions, it accumulates power, which tends to diminish order and liberty;

That the Constitution of the United States is the best arrangement yet devised for empowering government to fulfill its proper role, while restraining it from the concentration and abuse of power;

That the genius of the Constitution- the division of powers- is summed up in the clause that reserves primacy to the several states, or to the people, in those spheres not specifically delegated to the Federal government;

That the market economy, allocating resources by the free play of supply and demand, is the single economic system compatible with the requirements of personal freedom and constitutional government, and that it is at the same time the most productive supplier of human needs;

That when government interferes with the work of the market economy, it tends to reduce the moral and physical strength of the nation; that when it takes from one man to bestow on another, it diminishes the incentive of the first, the integrity of the second, and the moral autonomy of both;

That we will be free only so long as the national sovereignty of the United States is secure; that history shows periods of freedom are rare, and can exist only when free citizens concertedly defend their rights against all enemies;

That the forces of international Communism are, at present, the greatest single threat to these liberties;

That the United States should stress victory over, rather than coexistence with, this menace; and

That American foreign policy must be judged by this criterion: does it serve the just interests of the United States?

- B. To conduct educational activities and provide conservative leadership to bring about the objectives outlined in the Sharon Statement.
- C. To assist students in their efforts to understand and promote conservatism on campus and in the surrounding community.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Eligibility. General Membership is open to all full and part-time students at Indiana University (hereinafter “the school”) who support the general principles of the Sharon Statement, and agree to abide by the rules of this Chapter. Any such student desiring to become a member shall submit a signed application for membership on a form provided by the Chapter.

Section 2. Alumni Membership. Alumni (nonvoting) Membership is available for all persons formerly enrolled at the school who support the general principles of the Sharon Statement and who submit a signed application for membership on a form provided by the Chapter.

Section 3. Membership Approval. Membership applications shall be processed in accordance with the Bylaws. Denial of membership by the chapter may be appealed to the President of Young America’s Foundation, whose decision shall be final.

Section 4. Termination of Membership. Membership shall be terminated in accordance with the Bylaws. Termination of membership by the chapter may be appealed to the President of Young America’s Foundation, whose decision shall be final.

Article IV. Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet at least once a month and at such other times as it deems necessary or desirable according to the Bylaws.

Article V. Officers

Section 1. The Officers of this Chapter shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, and such other Officers as may be prescribed in the Bylaws. The duties of the Officers shall be prescribed in the Bylaws.

Section 2. The Founding Chairman will be selected by Young America’s Foundation. The Founding Chairman shall appoint the remaining founding officers. The founding officers will serve until the Initial Officers are elected pursuant to the Bylaws.

Section 3. Initial Officers shall be elected at the organizational meeting (normally during the first full month of the fall semester), shall take office upon election, and shall serve until the annual meeting takes place and their successors have been duly elected and qualified. Thereafter, officers shall be elected at the annual meetings to serve for a period of one year or until their successors are selected.

Article VI. Chapter Meetings

Except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws:

Section 1. Meetings of the Chapter shall be at least once a month.

Section 2. The Election of Officers for the Chapter shall be held during the spring semester of each year.

Section 3. Special Chapter meetings shall be at the call of the Chairman, at the call of a majority of the Executive Board, or by written petition of 10 (ten) members in good standing.

Section 4. All meetings shall be held only after due notice as set forth in the Bylaws.

Article VII. Amendments

Section 1. Proposed amendments to this Constitution may be conditionally ratified, subject to approval by Young America's Foundation, by a two-thirds vote of members present at a regularly scheduled or special meeting. The Chapter must submit any proposed amendments to Young America's Foundation, for review, not less than 30 days before the date for proposed adoption. The Chapter understands that Young America's Foundation has discretion to deny any proposed amendments. The Chapter agrees not to adopt any amendments not approved by Young America's Foundation.

Section 2. Said amendments must be presented in writing at a regular or special meeting and voted upon at the next meeting; and the substance of the proposed amendments must be included in the Notice of said meetings.

Article VIII. License

This chapter recognizes that it is licensed to use the name "Young Americans for Freedom" and "YAF" and the YAF logo subject to its Chapter Agreement with Young America's Foundation, contingent on (a) its operations being consistent with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and (b) its compliance with its Constitution, Bylaws, and Chapter Agreement, and (c) its compliance with all applicable laws.

Article IX. Compliance

Section 1. This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations and local, state, and federal laws.

Section 2. Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

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Joel Puente
Founding Chairman

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Date

