

The Young Americans for Liberty Constitution

PREAMBLE:

We are the Young Americans for Liberty (YAL). As Americans we recognize the every human's natural rights of life, liberty, and property set forth by our Founding Fathers. Our country was created to protect the freedoms of the individual and directed by we the people.

We recognize that freedom deserves responsibility and therefore we hold ourselves to a high moral character and conduct. Integrity emphasizes our stance towards action. Principle defines our outlook towards government. Peace and prosperity drives our ambitions towards our countrymen.

We inherit a corrupt, coercive world that has lost respect for voluntary action. Our government has failed and dragged our country into moral decay. The political class dominates the agenda with a violent, callous, controlling grip. And, for this we do not stand.

We welcome limited government conservatives, classic liberals, and libertarians who trust in the creed we set forth.

WE, as Young Americans for Liberty believe:

THAT government is the negation of liberty;

THAT voluntary action is the only ethical behavior;

THAT respect for the individual's property is fundamental to a peaceful society;

THAT violent action is only warranted in defense of one's property;

THAT the individual owns his/her body and is therefore responsible for his/her actions;

THAT society is a responsibility of the people, not the government.

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION

Section I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the "Young Americans for Liberty" at Indiana University, hereinafter referred to as "the YAL chapter", "the organization", or "the club."

Section II. Mission Statement

The Young Americans for Liberty's (YAL) mission is to train, educate, and mobilize youth activists committed to "winning on principle". Our goal is to cast the leaders of tomorrow and reclaim the policies, candidates, and direction of our government.

Section III. University Registration

The organization shall be independent in its decision-making in accordance with the national Young Americans for Liberty organization. The Executive Board will register the Club or apply for its recognition as a qualified student organization.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The purposes of the Club are as follows:

Section I

To research, study, inform and educate the public, concerning public policy issues, including but not limited to those listed in the Preamble.

Section II

To assist in the recruitment and training of students as preparation for future service as leaders in the local community, state, and nation.

Section III

To hold and host regular campus and community meetings, forums, lectures, films, conferences, debates, rallies, protests, or other such events to promote the ideals of the Club.

Section IV

To distribute literature and materials that promotes the ideals of the Club and raises money to promote the ideals of the Club.

Section V

To participate in student government elections, local political campaigns, and initiatives.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section I Voting Members

Membership in the club shall be open to all full-time and part-time Indiana University students who have paid membership dues to the national Young Americans for Liberty and remain in good standing with the national organization and university.

Section II Associate Members

Associate membership in the organization shall be open to any individual who demonstrates an interest and willingness to support the purposes and objectives of the Club but does not wish to pay membership dues to the national Young Americans for Liberty. Associate members may take part in all activities and privileges of the club, though are not permitted to vote.

All membership shall be determined without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, veteran status, handicap status, disability or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section I. Governance

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by its Officers. Officers shall have the general power to manage and control the affairs and property of the Club, adopt rules and regulations governing the actions and activities of the Club, and delegate its authority to officers or committees.

Section II. Positions

The Club shall have no fewer than two serving officers at a given time. This will include a President and Vice President. Additional positions may be created as is deemed necessary and voted on by the Club.

Section IV. Duties of Officers

Duties of Club officers include, but are not limited to:

President:

- Preside over meetings
- Attend University function which require a YAL representative
- Work with other officers to determine the overall direction of the Club
- Report to the national YAL organization

Vice President:

- Assist President with operations of chapter
- Overlook social media of chapter

Section V. Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from their position by a majority vote of the remaining officers AND a 3/4 vote by voting members in the Club. In the event of an officer removal or resignation, the vacancy shall be filled by an appointment made by the remaining officers.

Section IV. Meetings.

The Club shall have meetings no less than once a month and more often as the Club officers deem necessary.

ARTICLE V - BOOKS AND RECORDS

Section I. Books and Records

The Club shall keep correct and complete books and records of financial accounts, and also shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its membership meetings.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Section I. Amendments to Constitution

This Constitution may be altered, or amended and new Bylaws may be adopted by the affirmative vote of 67% or higher of the officers and 75% or higher of all voting members in attendance. Officers wishing to amend the Constitution must inform all members of a vote no less than two weeks prior to the vote.

Section II. Club Requirements

Regardless of changes to the Constitution, the following must remain:

- At least two officer positions, comprised of President and Vice President must exist.
- The chapter shall operate independently but maintain good standing with the national Young Americans for Liberty organization.
- Will abide by Indiana University's Statement of University Compliance, Anti-Hazing Policy, and Personal Gain Clause

Amendments

There are currently no amendments