

Constitution of Students Team Up To Fight Hunger

Preamble

Students Team Up To Fight Hunger is a national organization that allows college students to start a chapter at their own college campus. The goal of this organization is to put food in the mouths of those who are not able to provide adequately for themselves or their families. We will do this through food drives and other fundraising to give all of the proceeds and canned items to Regional Food Bank(s). We will also promote awareness of hunger at a local level. We want students to know the extent of hunger that occurs here in Bloomington and want them to become more involved in helping their college town.

Our goal is to collect 750 pounds of food (canned, perishables, non-perishables) throughout the year. We will record the total number of pounds of food given to Regional Food Bank(s) at the end of the year.

Article I: Membership

“Participation in the proposed organization must be without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. [section I.D.3(c).]”

There are no limitations of membership – all students of **School/University** are encouraged to join.

At the first meeting, we will discuss different positions in the organization, the roles that each position must fulfill, and what members are to expect for the remainder of the year. The organization will admit persons who are interested in becoming a part of this organization. The removal of members will occur if member does not comply with **School/University** Code of Ethics.

Article II: University Compliance

This organization shall comply with all **School/University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.**

Article III: Executive Officers

President: Presidents of Students Team Up To Fight Hunger will organize and lead meetings, communicate with Regional Food Bank(s), come up with dates to organize volunteers, print and distribute flyers around campus and to local businesses, develop meeting agendas, and overlook all other aspects of the organization.

Vice President: Coordinate with President and help set up meetings, plan goal schedule and



meeting times, come up with meeting locations, re-registering the organization each year.

Secretary: Maintains lists of members in organizations, compiles the email addresses and other personal information of each member, maintain records of organization spending (if any), take meeting minutes and distribute to members via email promptly after meeting ends.

Volunteer Chair: Communicate with Regional Food Bank(s) as well as other food pantries to set up donation drop off times and volunteer opportunities. Most communication with food banks is done by volunteer chair.

Once students become aware of organization and members are interested in becoming chairs or representatives, more positions will be made to fulfill. GPA requirement for all positions is at least a 3.0 cumulative. Officers will be elected at the beginning of Spring Semesters. Elections will occur with members voting on who to fulfill each position after candidates give a short speech.

Executive Officer meetings will be held when President or any other executive member thinks one is necessary. There will be at least two executive meetings for every one organization meeting. The advisor will be informed of every meeting and encouraged to sit on each one. His advice and help will be a great contribution to the meetings.

Decisions at these meetings will be made through voting – President and Vice President will have power to override vote if they see necessary. A vacant officer position will be filled by other officers dividing up the responsibilities of that vacant position.

Article IV: Advisor

The responsibilities of the advisor are to attend meetings when available, give inspiration and ideas, help fundraise and volunteer, and make sure that the meetings and procedures are going as they should be.

Article V: Meetings

There will be monthly meetings and those will be advertised through email, flyers, and social media. The President has the authority to call meetings.

The Executive Members set the agenda for the meetings and will discuss what needs to be addressed and will adhere to the goals set for each time. If needed, emergency meetings will be called by the President and will take place in any available campus space. Attendance will be recorded with a sign in sheet.

Article VI: Elections

Elections will be held in the beginning of the Spring semester each year and will be done so by the candidates giving speeches on why they are qualified for that position. The members that are



present at that meeting will vote for who they want to fulfill that position. Any member who thinks they are a good candidate for a position can run for it – no nominations necessary. A secret ballot will be the method for voting and there is no set percentage of members that must be present and voting for a candidate to be elected. Members will be notified of the election two months in advance.

Article VII: Non-Hazing

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.

Article VIII: Dues & Budgets

There are no charges of dues yet for becoming a member of this organization. The Vice President will create and maintain the group's budget. It will be revised if and when necessary with the approval of the President.

Article IX: Finances

The Vice President will be in charge of any and all financial affairs. The organization will work based off donations, fundraising, and personal finances until membership grows significantly. Once there is more membership, we hope to run mainly off of donations and fundraising.

Article X: Personal Gain Clause

Personal Gain Clause: This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation from for-profit ventures or partnerships if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Article XI: Amendments

Eligible voting members will be notified of amendments through emails and chapter meetings. A $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of all present members is required to ratify an amendment.

