Young Americans for Freedom
Chapter Constitution

Article I. Organization
A. The name of this organization shall be the

_Iowa State 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, 110 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170, (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 educate the Iowa State University students, staff, faculty, administrators and the general
community about conservatism through speakers, campus activism initiatives and outreach.

B. 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 2
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?

C. To conduct educational activities and provide conservative leadership to bring about the objectives outlined in the Sharon Statement.
D. 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 Iowa State 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.

*Section 5. Non-Discrimination Statement*  
Iowa State University Young Americans for Freedom do not discriminate on the basis of genetic information, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, race, ethnicity, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a U.S Veteran

**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.
Section 3. All Constitutions must follow Student Activity Center guidelines that are posted on the SAC website. Future amendments may be necessary to come into compliance with SAC guidelines. Per Student Organization Recognition Policy, all clubs have 30 days to upload a revised Constitution in the Student Organization database.

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. Risk Management

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The risk management officer shall always be the Chair unless the membership through a Constitutional Amendment decides otherwise. The role of the risk management officer is to [a] help minimize potential risks for club activities, [b] recommend risk management policies or procedures to (name of student organization), [c] to submit documentation to ISU’s Risk Management Office and [d] to ensure that Iowa State University policies are followed at all of the organization’s events and [e] to ensure that proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events.

**Article X. Finance**

All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Campus Organizations Accounting Office and/or approved institution/office (must receive authorization via Campus Organizations Accounting Office). All funds must be deposited within 48 hours after collection. The Adviser to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.

**Article XI. ISU Requirements for Officers**

“[a] Be in good standing with the university and enrolled: at least half time (six or more credit hours), if an undergraduate student (unless fewer credits are required to graduate in the spring and fall semesters) during the term of office, and at least half time (four or more credits), if a graduate level student (unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) during their term of office.

(b) Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) as stated below and meet that minimum GPA in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office. For undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, the minimum GPA is 2.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration.

(c) Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a) and (b).”

03/24/2015

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Founding Chairman Date

See Bylaws for more club details.