

Constitution

Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.

Section 1 - Name

The name of this organization shall be the International Youth Fellowship at The Ohio State University and can be referred to as IYF. The International Youth Fellowship (IYF) is a Christian-based, global youth organization that was established in 1995 by leaders who recognize the problems youth face today. Since its establishment, IYF has grown exponentially and is now active in almost 80 countries. Many college students who only had plans for themselves have changed through the IYF into people with broad hearts for others and are active in leadership roles all over the world. Many national governments, including those of Paraguay, Peru, Malaysia, Kenya, and Rwanda, have recognized the power of IYF in changing youths and have requested the guidance of IYF in educating their youth. With the promise for tomorrow, the IYF remains hopeful for a future where the youth of the IYF will be leading the way with strong and broad hearts.

Section 2 - Purpose

The mission of International Youth Fellowship is to develop leaders of the next generation who possess humility and strong leadership and to create mutual understanding through global fellowship in order to form the basis of a bright and healthy society.

The purpose of IYF is to inspire future leaders through three core values:

- i. Challenge: Raising leaders of the next generation to overcome challenges and limitations.
- ii. Change: Instilling a healthy mindset that allows students to break free from themselves experience true change in their lives
- iii. Cohesion: Broadening the hearts and minds of students to share their hearts with others and unite under one spirit of cohesion

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy

International Youth Fellowship at The Ohio State University and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.

- i. Any currently enrolled Ohio State student is eligible to be an active member and may hold office.
- ii. Non-students, such as faculty and alumni may act as associate members, but may not vote or hold office.
- iii. Professionals admitted through members' majority vote may act as Honorary members, but may not vote or hold office.

Article III - Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.

All officers must be members of International Youth Fellowship at The Ohio State University. Election of officers shall be held quarterly. At least two weeks notice shall be given before the election meeting. Nominations shall be initiated from the floor and elections done by a ballot. All officers of IYF must be enrolled at least part time at The Ohio State University and possess at least a 2.5 grade point average. The person receiving majority vote will be

elected. Any vacancy which may occur in an office shall be filled by appointment by the president pending ratification at the next group business meeting.

i. The President

1. The president shall be the chief executive officer
2. The president shall appoint all committee chairpersons
3. The president, with approval of the executive board, directs the budget
4. Vacancies in offices will be filled by appointment of the President with approval of the general membership.

ii. The Vice President

1. The vice president shall be the parliamentarian for the organization.
2. The vice president shall assume the duties of the president should the office become vacant, or in the absence of the president.
3. The vice president will keep and have available current copies of the constitution and bylaws.
4. The vice president will be responsible for scheduling programs.

iii. The Secretary

1. The secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings and the meetings of the executive board.
2. The secretary will provide a copy of the minutes for each officer and keep a master file.
3. The secretary shall maintain a complete and accurate account of attendance and membership status.

iv. Treasurer

1. The treasurer shall keep a current record of all financial transactions.
2. The treasurer shall develop quarterly reports containing a list of all receipts and disbursements and distribute them among the membership.
3. The treasurer will be responsible for checking the accuracy of all bills and invoices and paying them correctly and on time.
4. The treasurer will perform other duties as directed by the president.

Article IV - Executive Committee (if needed): Size and composition of the Committee.

Article V - Standing Committees (if needed): Names, purposes, and composition.

Article VI – Method of Removing Officers and Members.

Any officer may be removed from membership by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. Any officer removed may appeal to the general membership. Said officer shall be considered reinstated with two-thirds approval of the members.

Article VII – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.

i. Advisor

1. The advisor shall assist the group in their execution of roles and responsibilities.
2. The advisor shall provide feedback to the organization regarding its operation and functioning.
3. The advisor shall serve as a resource.
4. The advisor should provide advice upon request, and also should share knowledge, expertise, and experience with the group.
5. The advisor will be a nonvoting member of the organization.

Article VIII – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.

Two general meetings of the membership may be required each academic term except for summer.

Article IX – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.

Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken. Approval should require at least two-thirds of voting members present (and to conduct any business an organization should have quorum present at a business meeting, which is at minimum 50% + 1 of total organization members).

Article X – Method of Dissolution of Organization

In the event of dissolution, all IYF records, assets, debts, and documents shall be handed over to the New York headquarter of the International Youth Fellowship.