

# Organization Name

## Student Organization Constitution

### ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The Organization Shall Be Called **Young Life At The Ohio State University** (Hereafter Referred To As “Young Life”)

### ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

The purpose of Young Life is to introduce students to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. We pursue this purpose by:

- Praying for young people
- Going where students are
- Building personal relationships with them
- Winning the right to be heard
- Providing experiences that are fun, adventurous, and life-changing
- Sharing our lives and the Good News of Jesus Christ with students
- Inviting them to personally respond to this Good News
- Loving them regardless of their response
- Nurturing students to grow in their love for Christ and knowledge of God’s Word
- Encouraging them to be active members of a local congregation
- Helping young people reach their full God-given potential
- Working with like-minded individuals — volunteer leaders, committee members, donors, and staff

### ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

#### **Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct**

*Young Life agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with the Student Organization Registration Guidelines.*

#### **Section B. Hazing**

*Young Life agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.*

## **Section C. Bylaws**

*Young Life retains the right to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, The Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of organizational bylaws shall be consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements.*

## **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section A. Membership Eligibility**

Any Ohio State student is welcome to join Young Life. Meetings are always open to any interested students

### **Section B. Member Selection**

Membership is voluntary. Students may join by expressing interest to officers or staff and participating in events.

### **Section C. Membership Timeline**

Membership is open on a rolling basis throughout the academic year.

### **Section D. Member Removal**

Members who conduct themselves in a manner detrimental to the purpose of Young Life or in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct may be removed by a unanimous officer vote under the counsel of the advisor

## **ARTICLE V. ADVISOR**

### **Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities**

The advisor serves as a resource and support for members and officers. They may not vote or hold office.

### **Section B. Advisor Term**

The advisor shall serve a one-year renewable term.

### **Section C. Advisor Selection**

The advisor must be a faculty or professional staff member of The Ohio State University, selected by the organization.

### **Section D. Advisor Replacement**

In case of resignation or removal, a new advisor will be selected following the same eligibility process.

## **ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP**

### **Section A. Officer Positions**

- **President** – Ensures Young Life remains active, liaises between Young Life staff and the University, and oversees organizational direction.
- **Treasurer** – Attends required financial training, manages funds, and approves expenditures.
- **Secondary Leader(s)** – Assist in general leadership, membership support, and event coordination.

### **Section B. Officer Eligibility**

Officers must be enrolled full-time students in good standing at The Ohio State University.

### **Section C. Officer Selection Process**

Officers are determined by Young Life staff. They hold office until graduation or removal

### **Section D. Officer Removal**

Officers may be removed for violation of Young Life contract, OSU Student Code of Conduct, or conduct detrimental to the organization. Removal may be enacted by unanimous officer vote or Young Life staff.

## **ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION**

### **Section A. Dissolution Requirements**

The organization may be dissolved by majority vote of officers, in consultation with the advisor.

### **Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts**

All debts must be settled. Remaining assets will be transferred to Young Life staff in Columbus or a charitable organization consistent with Young Life's mission.

## **ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

### **Section A. Amendment Process**

Amendments may be proposed by any officer or member. Adoption requires a two-thirds vote of officers and approval by the advisor. Amendments must be submitted to Ohio Union & Student Activities within 30 days for approval.