

VOTERS OF TOMORROW

[SCHOOL] BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I. Establishment

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be Voters of Tomorrow [SCHOOL NAME]. Chapters should use this official name for advertising, social media accounts, events, and other promotional purposes.

Section 2. Authority. Voters of Tomorrow [SCHOOL NAME] is a chartered Campus Chapter of Voters of Tomorrow under the Voters of Tomorrow National Constitution. Voters of Tomorrow [SCHOOL NAME] shall abide by all rules and regulations established in the Voters of Tomorrow National Constitution, and any applicable State or Community Bylaws, as well as those established within these bylaws.

Section 2. Mission Statement. Voters of Tomorrow is a non-partisan, non-profit organization seeking to engage, empower, and represent young people in politics and government in [COMMUNITY].

Section 3. Affiliations

A. Definition

- a. **Voters of Tomorrow Civic Action.** Voters of Tomorrow Civic Action is a 501(c)4 social welfare organization working to educate, engage, and empower young Americans to become involved in the political process. Voters of Tomorrow Civic Action engages in non-partisan voter registration, voter mobilization, issue advocacy, and limited political activity.
- b. **Voters of Tomorrow Political Action.** Voters of Tomorrow Political Action is a federal hybrid political action committee working to build power for young Americans and elect federal candidates who will represent the interests of young people. Voters of Tomorrow Political Action engages in independent expenditures in support of federal candidates as well as limited direct and in-direct support to candidates and candidate committees.

- B. **Associations.** Voters of Tomorrow members shall be housed within and primarily associated with Voters of Tomorrow Civic Action. Members may, at the direction of Voters of Tomorrow national staff, engage in activities sponsored by Voters of Tomorrow Political Action.

Section 4. Chapter Obligations, Goals, and Objectives

- A. In order to remain an active Voters of Tomorrow chapter the group must:
 - a. Maintain an Executive Board with at least three (3) positions: President, Vice President, and Communications Lead. Individual institutions might require other positions.
 - b. Maintain an active membership body of at least 5 individuals.
 - c. Organize at least one (1) issue-based advocacy event, one (1) voter engagement event, and one (1) community service event per year.
 - d. Meet with a representative from the national Voters of Tomorrow team once a

month.

- e. Adhere to Voters of Tomorrow's Chapter Code of Conduct and ensure that all chapter operations abide by 501 (c)(4) guidelines.
- B. The goals and objectives of this Voters of Tomorrow Chapter shall be:
 - a. To educate and empower young people to be engaged in the political process at [School]
 - b. To promote civic engagement opportunities and educate other youth in the community
 - c. To represent the young population in the community equitably

Section 5. Right of Disassociation

- a. Voters of Tomorrow reserves the right to disassociate with any chapter found to be operating outside of the guidelines outlined by Voters of Tomorrow. If chapter leaders or members of the chapter participate in activities or demonstrate conduct which is deemed inappropriate by Voters of Tomorrow, or violates the Volunteer Code of Conduct Agreement, Voters of Tomorrow reserves the right to terminate the individual's relation with the organization, disassociate with the chapter, and/or revoke the group's name to operate under the Voters of Tomorrow name.
- b. Any member found to be a legitimate subject of a Conduct Report filed with VOT may at the discretion of the national Voters of Tomorrow team be placed on a temporary leave, pending an investigation.
- c. Voters of Tomorrow reserves the right to disassociate with any chapter at any point, for any or no reason.

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I. Preamble

- A. [OPTIONAL: DESCRIBE THE FOUNDING OF THE CHAPTER] Include that a school year is defined as 1 August to 31 July.

II. Name

- A. The name of this organization shall be Voters of Tomorrow [SCHOOL]

III. Mission Statement

- A. [IN A FEW WORDS EXPLAIN THE MISSION AND PURPOSE OF THE CHAPTER]
- B. Voters of Tomorrow is a non-partisan, non-profit organization seeking to engage, empower, and represent young people in politics and government.

IV. Institutional Registration

- A. The Executive Board (President, Vice President, and Communications Lead) will register this chapter as a club or apply for its recognition as a registered student organization. It shall be this group's responsibility to maintain its good standing with the hosting educational institution.
- B. This organization shall be independent in most decision-making, but will abide by guidelines established by the national Voters of Tomorrow organization.

V. Membership

- A. Membership to Voters of Tomorrow chapters shall be open to students currently enrolled in the educational institution in which the chapter is hosted.
- B. Members must maintain good standing with the national organization, the educational institution hosting it, and must attend at least two meetings and one chapter event per term (semester, trimester, or quarter, as decided by the Chapter.)
- C. Membership shall be granted without regard to religion, gender, age, sex, race, color, national origin, sexual preference, or disability.

VI. Executive Board and Officers

- A. Governance
 - i. The affairs of the Chapter shall be managed by the Executive Board. Executive Board members shall have the power to manage the affairs of the Chapter, adopt rules or regulations to govern the actions and activities of the Club, and delegate its authority to other officers.
- B. Positions

- i. The Chapter Executive Board shall be composed of an odd number of officers with no fewer than three serving at a given time.
- ii. The Chapter Executive Board shall include a President, Vice President, and Communications Lead. Additional positions may be created as deemed necessary and voted on by Executive Board with a simple majority threshold. Such positions might include:
 1. Digital Lead
 2. Partner/Outreach Lead
 3. Policy Lead

C. Tenure and Elections

- i. Elections for Executive Board positions will be held at a special meeting in the month of April, or within the first month of the Chapter's creation. Newly elected officers take office on May 1st or within two weeks of the election date.
- ii. Executive Officers must make the names of candidates in Chapter elections known to all chapter members no less than two weeks prior.
- iii. The names of the people occupying Executive Board positions shall be reported to the national Voters of Tomorrow organization immediately upon the election of new officers.

D. Campaign Rules

- i. Candidates for elected positions may address the chapter at the special meeting before voting begins.

E. Methods and Procedures

- i. All eligible and present members of the chapter may vote in the election
- ii. Each member votes for one candidate for each position
- iii. The candidate who receives the most votes wins the position
- iv. If there is a tie, the current executive board will conduct a separate vote to determine the winner between the candidates
- v. Ballots shall be presented either electronically or physically to present members

F. Duties of Executive Officers *including, but not limited to*

- i. President:
 1. Preside over chapter meetings and Executive Board meetings
 2. Acts as a liaison between organizers, elected officials, and activists
 3. Work with the Board to identify important community issues and how members of the chapter can be engaged
 4. Meet with a representative of the national Voters of Tomorrow team at least once a month
 5. Delegate tasks to other team members and Executive Board members as deemed necessary
 6. Be subject to a recall vote if derelict in these duties
- ii. Vice President:
 1. Work with the President to develop specific membership goals and

- expectations
- 2. Work to recruit new chapter members for the chapter
- 3. Plan public events and initiatives for the chapter
- 4. Be subject to a recall vote if derelict in these duties
- iii. Communications Lead
 - 1. Handle social media accounts for the chapter
 - 2. Respond to current events with a united, youth-focused message
 - 3. Stay connected to the national Voters of Tomorrow communications department to receive messaging guidelines and updates
 - 4. Attend a minimum of one national communications coordinating call per month
 - 5. Plan content for the chapter's social media accounts
 - 6. Be subject to a recall vote if derelict in these duties

G. Removal of Officers

- i. Executive Board members may be recalled by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the chapter members.
- ii. In the event of an Officer removal or resignation within 3 months of their election, the Chapter shall hold a special meeting to elect a replacement.
- iii. In the event of an Officer removal or resignation after 3 months of their election, the Executive Board shall vote to select a replacement.
- iv. Newly elected or appointed officers shall assume their position within two weeks of their selection.

H. Transition of Power

- i. Chapters should maintain records of all Officer appointments and reliefs, and document ongoing chapter activities and membership roster to report to the incoming Chapter Executive Board and national Voters of Tomorrow staff
- ii. Passwords for social media accounts shall be changed and it should be confirmed that departing members do not retain access

I. Meetings

- i. The Chapter shall hold general meetings no less than once a month, and as often as Executive Officers deem necessary. The time and place shall be determined by the Chapter's Executive Board in accordance with school requirements.
- ii. The Chapter Executive Board shall meet no less than two times a month
- iii. The Chapter Executive Board shall convene a special meeting for the election of new officers in the month of April.
- iv. The Chapter Executive Board may convene special meetings as they deem necessary.

VII. Community Chapter

A. Board Representative

- i. Should the chapter be in a geographic area serviced by a Voters of Tomorrow Community Chapter, the Chapter President shall represent the chapter on the Community Chapter Board.
- ii. The Community Chapter Board Representative shall serve as the Chapter's voice and vote in Community Chapter meetings and coordinate partnerships with other Voters of Tomorrow Chapters served by the Community Chapter.

VIII. Amendments

A. Changes to Chapter Bylaws

- i. Chapter bylaws may be altered or amended. Amended bylaws must be adopted by a 3/4 majority vote of all members.
- ii. Officers wishing to amend the Chapter bylaws must inform all Chapter members of the desired changes no less than two weeks prior to the vote, which must take place during a scheduled meeting
- iii. Amendments to chapter bylaws shall be subject to the approval in writing of a representative of the Voters of Tomorrow national chapters team.

B. Voters of Tomorrow Bylaws Requirements

- i. Regardless of amendments to the bylaws, the following items are required by the Voters of Tomorrow organization:
 1. An Executive Board consisting of a President, Vice President, and Communications Lead
 2. A mechanism to elect new officers every April
 3. A mechanism to remove Executive Officers must exist
 4. Adherence to national Voters of Tomorrow guidelines and member expectations.

The Voters of Tomorrow [School Name] Chapter was chartered and agreed to on [date].

Faculty Advisor (Signature)

Faculty Advisor (Print)

Chapter President (Signature)

Chapter President (Print)

Chapter Vice-President (Signature)

Chapter Vice-President (Print)

Chapter Communications Lead(Signature)

Chapter Communications Lead(Print)

APPROVED:

Chapter Director
Voters of Tomorrow