

# Y.W.A (Young Women Association)

## CONSTITUTION

### Article One: Mission Statement

"The key to our success is we will prosper through all and at the end of the day hope you know we are striving to be the best. Looking forward, never back and focused on the things to come. We are climbing to the top at any means necessary". As an organization, we say what we mean and mean what we say. Our purpose is as females to show good examples for young adolescents. Along with our image, we hope to spread our organization around our school, as well as the community. Young Women Association wants to accomplish many things while we expand, such as providing help to others, becoming role models to females and males, and making a difference in what we do. As our group expands, we want to be known as the females who are about business, sisterhood, academic excellence and become the first to receive a call when a job needs to be done

### Article Two: Membership

*YWA openly admits students to its membership and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sexual orientation, marital status, personal appearance, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, or on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution*

#### Section One: Academics

In order to join the organization you must have at least a 2.7 GPA, and upon being accepted you must maintain that GPA or be placed on suspension. If you fail to raise your GPA you may be dismissed from the **YWA**, depending on the Committee of the chapter's request.

#### Section Two: Service

Each member in the **YWA** must attend a certain number of community service events. Failure to attend community service events may result in a suspension. For every achievement you achieve you will gain a patch, in which you will put on your **YWA** jacket, free of charge.

#### Section Three: Dues and Fees

Each member must pay an activation fee every month, Five dollars. It will remain the same each month, unless members vote on the fee price to increase or decrease. Membership fees are due on the last Tuesday of each month.

## **Section Four: Leadership**

### **Requirements of Positions**

**President:** Has to be at all the events, including all meetings, must maintain justice in the **YWA**, along with fulfilling the duties of the Vice President as well.

**Vice President:** Takes President's responsibilities if President cannot make it to an event or meeting. VP must attend all meetings and events regardless of President's absence. VP has to be the representative in charge if President is absent. VP must maintain structure of the budget and community service hours; double checking after the Secretary and Accountant. The VP also has to set the times of meetings and events.

**Accountant:** In charge of the money. Must calculate the community service hours, keep the budget at its limits, and maintain receipts of items brought and money spent. Also, must attend all meetings.

**Secretary:** Maintain records of applicants and members, keep track of meeting times and events, attend all meetings, and keep files of budgets and community service hours and events.

**Committee:** The committee will consist of three members. Their purpose is to make sure there is justice within the **YWA**, to keep an equal balance among the chapter. The committee oversees any unnecessary events; parties, fundraising, unjustified determination of a member, etc. Committee also votes on if a person holding a position is holding that position correctly and sufficiently. Lastly, the committee makes sure all funds are being used and used correctly.

Positions will remain the same until one leaves, graduates, or wishes to step down. Another way a position may change is if the person holding a position fails to uphold their position. Meaning: not doing their job or failing to meet the requirements of the position being held. (See requirements of positions below) Also, this must be done by VETO. The committee will vote and by a ruling of 2:3 the person must resign from that position.

### **Section Five: Apparel**

Members must wear some type of item or clothing with the **YWA** logo on it at every event. Members must wear proper attire at community service events. All active members must set up an event on their own, building leadership.

### **Section Six: Application Documents:**

**The following documents are needed for approval prior to becoming accepted into the YWA:**

- Application
- Transcript
- Resume

## **Meetings**

All meetings will occur on a weekly basis or other regular basis at a time selected by the **YWA** and will follow the procedure set forth below:

- Attendance
- Report by the President
- Any other business put forward by the members of the organization
- Dismissal by the President

**We hereby abide by all rules and regulations set by the chapter at the University of Dubuque.**