

Model Articles of Association
[NAME OF NEW FOUNDING FORWARD CHAPTER]
A Nonprofit Unincorporated Association

The undersigned, being natural persons of lawful age, all of whom reside within the State of _____, hereby adopt the following Articles of Association for the purpose of organizing a Nonprofit Unincorporated Association, and do hereby execute the following Articles of Association:

Article One
Name

The name of this Association and the name by which it shall be known is:

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and referred to hereinafter as the *Association*.

Article Two
Chapter of Founding Forward

The Association is a chapter of Founding Forward (“Chapter”), a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation that is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (“Code”). As a Chapter of Founding Forward, the Association shall be subject the Policies Governing Chapters of Founding Forward which, among other things, subjects the Association to the general control and supervision of Founding Forward.

Article Three
Purpose

The purpose of the Association, as a Chapter of Founding Forward, is to support the mission of Founding Forward, primarily by sponsoring student and teacher participation in the on-campus and other programs of Founding Forward. The Association may also engage in local events and programs as approved by the Founding Forward.

Article Four
Tax Status

For tax purposes, the Association shall be a Subordinate Organization of Founding Forward, as the Central Organization, under an IRS Group Exemption. Under the Group Exemption, the Association is considered to be a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, charitable contributions to which are tax-deductible. The Association shall be subject to, and a party to, the Founding Forward National Chapters Group Exemption Agreement, under which, among other things, the Chapter shall provide all information and materials required to be provided to a Central Organization of a Subordinate Organization with respect to the maintenance of the IRS Group

Exemption for the Founding Forward National Chapters.

Article Five
Compliance With Section 501(c)(3)
of Internal Revenue Code

A. The Association is organized and shall be operated solely and exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. At all times and under all circumstances, the nature of the activities to be conducted, and the purposes to be promoted and carried out, by the Association shall be exclusively those within the purview of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, consistent with all of the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit incidental or otherwise.

B. No part of the net earnings or assets of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its trustees, officers, members or other private persons. No part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

Article Six
Dedication of Property

The property of this Association is irrevocably dedicated to the charitable and educational purposes of this Association. No part of the net income or assets of this Association shall ever inure to the benefit of any trustee, officer, member, or to the benefit of any private individual. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this Association, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Association, shall be distributed to Founding Forward provided it is then a tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and, if not then in existence, to another organization so described.

Article Seven
Membership

Membership is open to any individuals interested in the objectives and purposes of this Association, subject to the approval by the Board of Trustees.

**Article Eight
Trustees and Officers**

A. A Board of Trustees is to be the governing body of this Association, consisting of Trustees, who will execute the powers of this Association, subject, however, to the charitable and educational purposes stated in these Articles. The names and addresses of the persons who are appointed as first Trustees are:

Name	Address
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

B. The Trustees shall be members of this Association, and shall be elected annually at the annual meeting of the members, and shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until their respective successors are elected and qualify. A majority of the then-existing membership shall constitute a quorum at a the annual meeting of the members and a simple majority vote of the members shall be required to elect a Trustee. Trustees may serve for successive terms.

C. At all meetings of the Board of Trustees, a simple majority of the Trustees shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Except as otherwise expressly provided in these Bylaw, the acts of a simple majority of the Trustees present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the Board of Trustees. Each Trustee shall be entitled to one vote, which shall be recorded as yes, no or abstain. No Director shall have the right to cumulate their votes for any purpose.

**Article Nine
Officers**

The officers of this Association shall include a president, secretary, and treasurer, each of whom shall be a member of the Board of Trustees, and each of whom shall be elected by the Board of Trustees annually, immediately following the election of a new Board of Trustees by the members at the annual meeting of the Association.

**Article Ten
No Compensation**

Members, officers, trustees, or organizers of this Association, and any contributor to this Association or any other private person, shall not receive any compensation for services to or on behalf of the Association. Further, as stated in **Article Five, B**, above, such persons shall have no right to receive any earnings or property of this Association.

**Article Eleven
Meetings**

A. An annual meeting of the members of the Association shall be held on such date, time and place as the Board of Trustees shall from time to time by resolution determine. Members shall be notified by mail of each such meeting at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Other meetings of the membership may be held when the Board of Trustees shall determine necessary, and like notice of such meetings shall be given to the membership.

B. Meetings of the Board of Trustees other than the annual meeting may be called by the President, and may be called by the Secretary at the written request of a majority of the members of the Board of Trustees, at such times and places as may be deemed necessary and appropriate.

**Article Twelve
Address**

The location of the principal place of business of this Association is _____ or such other location as determined by the Board of Trustees.

**Article Thirteen
Accounting and Records**

The fiscal year of the Association shall be January 1 through December 31 of each year. All minute books, correspondence, and other records of the Association shall be preserved by the Officers.

**Article Fourteen
Amendments**

These Articles of Association may be amended by a majority vote of those voting at any meeting of the membership called for that purpose, provided that the notice of meeting of the membership shall have stated the nature of the proposed amendment.

[Signatures on Following Page]

These Articles of Association may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, and all of which together constitute one and the same instrument. Any facsimile or emailed signature attached hereto will be deemed to be an original and will have the same force and effect as an original signature.

Witness our signatures on the day and year set forth below and in the State of _____.

Date: _____

(Signature)

(Print or Type Name)

Date: _____

(Signature)

(Print or Type Name)

Date: _____

(Signature)

(Print or Type Name)

Date: _____

(Signature)

(Print or Type Name)