

Hunger at Home Youth Council Bylaws

The Mission of Hunger at Home

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Article I: Council Mission

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Article II: Council Structure

- Under the Board of Directors of Hunger at Home, students representative of the local community shall be inducted into the Youth Council and chartered into subsidiary school clubs. There shall be no more than one subsidiary school club per separate academic institution; in order for a subsidiary school club to exist, students from that school must actively attend Youth Council meetings. The Youth Council and subsidiary school clubs shall form a hub-and-spoke structure of organization, information, and membership.

Article III: Membership

- Membership shall be free, open, and accessible to any interested students in the community. Subsidiary clubs may be founded at any middle schools, high schools, colleges, and universities which enroll students actively attending Youth Council meetings.



Article IV: Expectations

- All Youth Council and school club members shall be responsible for their actions and respectful towards their fellow Youth Council and community members. A continuous and high level of effort shall be maintained by all members. Members shall act as representatives of the council, subsidiary school clubs, and their communities and will not engage in activities harmful to the mission or vision of Hunger at Home. Members shall abide by the student code of conduct published by their schools, institutions, and school districts.

Article V: Executive Officer and Advisory Positions

- The Executive Officers of the Youth Council shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officer positions may be removed or established by a council majority vote. The CEO of Hunger at Home and other adults shall comprise an advisory board of the Youth Council. Officers shall be elected for one year by a vote of the council on the first meeting of the year. If there arises a vacancy of office, elections shall be held at the next council meeting. Officers must attend five out of every six quarterly meetings, and must notify another officer of their absence. The officer positions for subsidiary school clubs are President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Executive officer year model. Elections in December, advisory and mentoring period.

Article VI: Officer Tasks

- A. At the beginning of each term, the executive committee must develop the year's work-plan to orient the Youth Council's direction.



- B. The President is the principal officer and therefore responsible for leading the organization in meetings and activities in accordance with guidance established by school codes and these bylaws.
- C. The Vice President shall assist the President in matters of organization and management, and shall run meetings in the absence of the President.
- D. The Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings, maintain an attendance and contact sheet, and create and maintain all other pertinent organizational literature.
- E. The Treasurer receives, manages, and distributes all organizational and club funds. The Treasurer maintains a budget and bank account and presents a biannual budgetary breakdown to the Board of Directors.

Article VII: Meetings

- Youth Council meetings shall be held every two weeks. Meetings are open to all members and interested individuals as either members or advisors. Members shall make new matters known during the open forum section of each Youth Council meeting. All members and advisors shall abide by the Youth Council Code of Conduct.

Article VIII: Activities

- A variety of community service and fundraising events shall be held throughout the year both by the Youth Council and the subsidiary school clubs.
 - a. School clubs shall aim to accomplish three major events per year, with at least two being on-site. Examples include food drives, food waste audits, speaker series, food distribution, and educational webinars.



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- b. The Youth Council shall accomplish three events per year.

Article IX: Amendments to Bylaws

- Deletions, additions, or amendments to these bylaws shall occur when voted thusly by a majority of the Youth Council.

Article X: Voting

- Any proposed changes to these bylaws must be approved by a majority vote of the Youth Council. All officers shall be elected.