

**National Honor Society ByLaws**  
**Young Women's Leadership Academy @ Bill Arnold Chapter**  
**Grand Prairie, Tx**

**Article I**

**NAME AND PURPOSE**

**Section 1.** The name of this chapter is Young Women's Leadership Academy @ Bill Arnold Chapter.

**Section 2.** The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, promote leadership, develop character and to encourage citizenship.

**Section3.** The NHS, Young Women's Leadership Academy @ Bill Arnold Chapter shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary Principals (NASSP).

**Article II**

**THE PRINCIPAL**

**Section 1.** The principal shall reserve "the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

**Section 2.** The principal shall annually appoint a chapter advisor, who may serve consecutive terms.

**Article III**

**THE CHAPTER ADVISOR**

**Section 1.** The chapter advisor shall be responsible for the direct, day- to- day supervision of the chapter and act as a liaison between faculty, administration, students, and community.

**Section 2.** The chapter advisor shall maintain files on chapter membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions. The chapter advisor shall send the annual report to the national office.

**Section 3.** The chapter advisor shall regularly review each member for compliance with Society standards and obligations.

**Section 4.** The chapter advisor shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1 – Membership in the NHS is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a faculty council based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service, and citizenship. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.**

**Section 2 – The faculty council shall reserve the right to award honorary membership to special needs students, school officials, principals, teachers, NHS advisors, or adults in recognition of outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with the purpose of the National Junior Honor Society.**

**Sections 3 – Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony in the fall of each school year.**

**Section 4 – Members must memorize and recite the pledge at all functions and meetings.**

**Section 5 – A National Honor Society member who transfers from another school and presents a letter from the former principal or chapter advisor to the school advisor shall be accepted automatically as a member in the YWLA Chapter as long as they meet the grade requirement. Transfer students must meet the YWLA Chapter's standards within one semester.**

**Section 6 – Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.**

### **Article III**

#### **Selection of Members**

**Section 1 – To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a student in the tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade at the Young Women's Leadership Academy High School.**

**Section 2 – All Candidates must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. All faculty will be asked to review this list and eliminate any student who they feel will not demonstrate leadership, character, citizenship, and/or community service. The recommended candidates will be invited to apply for membership into the YWLA Chapter of the NHS. The faculty council will evaluate the applications and select all qualified students. The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council.**

**Section 3 – Students must be good citizens. Any student who has ever been in out of school suspension, excessive in school suspension or been referred to the Office of Student Leadership will NOT be invited to be a member.**

**Section 4 – Students not accepted into membership will have one week after the announcement of new inductees to ask for a review to determine if they are eligible for membership according to these bylaws. The appeal must be made in writing and will be considered by the faculty council.**

**Section 5 – A description of this procedure shall be published on the YWLA website, which is available to students and parents in the school.**

## **Article IV**

### **Membership Responsibilities**

**Sections 1 – Members are required to uphold all standards by which they were selected. After induction, all members must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA.**

**Section 2 – Members must attend all regular and special meetings of the chapter. Failure to attend meetings without prior approval from the sponsor may result in disciplinary actions. When a member misses two meetings, she will be given a written warning and placed on probation. If a third meeting is missed during the probation period, it will result in grounds for dismissal.**

## **Article V**

### **Chapter Officers**

**Section 1 – The chapter shall include the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian. The President will preside over all meetings. The Vice-President will assume the role of the President if necessary and will co-chair committees. The secretary will take notes at all meetings and perform all official correspondence. The Treasurer will work with the faculty advisor to assist with matters and to present a financial report. The Historian will keep a record of the activities and organize a scrapbook.**

**Section 2 – All officers will be chosen from 2<sup>nd</sup> year rising members. The elected officers shall be determined by votes from the members of the chapter. Election of the following school year's officers shall be held in the spring. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of all members. The chapter advisor shall count the votes.**

**Section 3 – Officers will be held to a higher standard of behavior, service and leadership than general members. If an officer is dismissed from office, the advisor will appoint a replacement for the remainder of the school year.**

## **Article VI**

### **Committees**

**Section 1 – The chapter shall include the following committees: Advertisement Committee (provide advertisement for all activities, meetings, service projects, etc), Project Committee (help plan and execute chapter service projects), Activities Committee (plan FUN activities for NHS members to participate in) and Hospitality Committee ( help with any decorating and aid the Activities Committee)**

**Section 2 – Committee leaders will be appointed by the advisor and/or president.**

## **Article VII**

### **Dismissal**

**Section 1 – The procedure for dismissal shall be determined by the faculty council in compliance with the rules and regulations of the National Honor Society.**

**Section 2 – Members who fail to maintain the academic and/or citizenship requirements stipulated in the Membership Responsibilities section of these by-laws will be warned in writing by the chapter advisor and placed on probation for a period of six weeks. If the deficiency is not corrected in six weeks, a second warning will be issued and the member will have three weeks to correct it, or be dismissed. In the case of flagrant violations of school rules or civil laws, a member does not necessarily have to be warned; a member who is suspended is automatically dismissed unless overruled by a unanimous vote of the faculty council.**

**Section 3 – The faculty council shall determine when a member is dismissed.**

## **Article VIII**

### **Executive Committee & Advisor**

**Section 1 – The executive committee shall consist of the chapter advisor and the chapter officers.**

**Section 2 – The chapter advisor shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings and make recommendations to the chapter.**

**Section 3 – The chapter advisor shall have the responsibility of ensuring that chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.**

**Section 4 – The chapter advisor shall help the officers understand and carry out their duties.**

**Section 5 – The Faculty Council shall consist of the 5 department heads of the core and elective classes.**

**Section 6 – The chapter advisor shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting, sixth member of the Faculty Council.**

**Section 7 – The chapter advisor shall be a member of the faculty, appointed annually by the principal, and may serve consecutive terms.**

## **Article IX**

### **Meetings**

**Section 1 – Chapter meetings will be held bi-weekly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday afternoons from 4:20 P.M. to 5:20 P.M and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at Lunch. Executive Council meetings times are to be determined according to schedules. (Times and days for meetings are subject to change)**

**Section 2 – Special meetings approved by the chapter advisor may be called by the president, and the vice-president or committee chairs may call committee meetings approved by the chapter advisor.**

## **Article XI**

### **Activities**

**Section 1 – YWLA Chapter shall determine at least four service projects per year from September thru May. Each member is required to participate in no less than three of the four service projects. Any member not participating in two consecutive service projects will be subject to disciplinary actions.**

**Section 2 – These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community, have the support of the administration and faculty, be appropriate and educationally defensible, and be well planned and executed.**

**Section 3 – Activities and projects shall be publicized in a positive manner. Posters will be outside the sponsors' classroom, (Mrs. Thomas Room 605) and in the main hallways.**

**Section 4 – YWLA Chapter members shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in individual service projects which reflect their talents and interests. Each member is responsible for a minimum of 10 service hours each 9 weeks; an adult must sign notice of service hours. Any member not earning these hours will be subject to dismissal.**

**Section 5 – The chapter may be involved in fundraisers during the school year. Each member is required to participate in all fundraisers.**

## **Article XII**

### **Amendments**

**These bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a majority vote.**