# JUDSON FFA NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Local Chapter Constitution

## **ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE**

Section A. The name of the organization shall be the Judson FFA Alumni

Section B. The purpose of the organization shall be:

- 1. To support and promote the FFA Organization FFA activities Agricultural education on local, state and national levels.
- 2. To provide a tie to the FFA and to assist FFA and agricultural Education personal to involve former members and others interested in supporting worthy activities.
- 3. To promote greater knowledge of agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.
- 4. To cooperate with Judson FFA Chapter and the Texas State and National FFA Alumni Association.
- 5. To promote and maintain an appreciation of the American free enterprise system.
- 6. To promote the personal development aspect of the FAA.

## ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

Section A. The Judson FFA Alumni is a chartered local affiliate of the Texas State FFA Association that is chartered by the National FFA Alumni Association.

Section B. The Judson FFA Alumni accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the Texas and National FFA Alumni Association.

## **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be open to former active, collegiate and honorary FFA members, present and former professionals agricultural educators, parents of FFA members and others interested in the FFA, upon payment of dues.

# **ARTICLE IV. EMBLEM**

The gold FFA Emblem with the word Alumni below is shall serve as the emblem of the Judson FFA Alumni.

## ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BODY

Section A. The executive body of the Judson FFA A Alumni shall be the Judson FFA Alumni Council.

Section B. The Judson FFA Alumni Council shall consist of 7 persons.

- 1. 7 persons elected at-large by the membership.
- 2. The current 5 FFA Chapter Advisors.

Section C. All members of the Judson FFA Alumni Council must be active members of the FFA Alumni, with the exception of the current FFA Chapter Advisor

Section D. The Judson FFA Alumni Council shall select annually a president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, publicity, and projects coordinator from the council membership. The treasurer's books should be audited annually by a qualified person.

Section E. Duties of the officers shall be consistent with those usually appertaining to those positions.

## **ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS**

Section A. The Judson FFA Alumni Council shall meet once per month. Additional meetings may be called by the president or by a majority of the council members upon petition to the secretary.

Section B. There shall be monthly meeting of the membership of the Judson FFA Alumni. Additional membership meetings may be called by the Judson FFA Alumni Council.

## **ARTICLE VII. DUES**

The annual dues of the Judson FFA Alumni shall be set by the FFA Alumni Council.

State and national dues must be paid on a calendar membership year basis for all active FFA Alumni members. No members shall be considered active members and in good standing unless full dues are paid.

## **ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS**

Section A. The constitution of the Judson FFA Alumni may be amended or changed at the June meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the constitution of the State or National FFA Alumni Associations.

Section B. Proposed amendments to the constitution of the Judson FFA Alumni may be submitted by any member and must be in writing and received by the secretary 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Proposed amendments shall be approved by at least three members of the FFA Alumni Council before submitted to the membership for consideration.

Section C. Amendments to the bylaws of the Judson FFA Alumni may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting by two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such bylaws in no way conflict with the constitution and bylaws of the State or National FFA Alumni Association. Or alternate possibility as follows: Proposed amendments may be submitted by any active member and must be in writing and received in 30 days prior to the opening of the annual meeting. Proposed amendments that have been approved for submission by two-thirds majority of the FFA Alumni Council shall be submitted to the membership at least one week prior to the opening of the annual meeting. Voting shall be at the annual meeting with affirmation by two-thirds of those present being necessary for adoption

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# **Local Chapter Bylaws**

## ARTICLE I. FFA ALUMNI AFFILIATE/ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

These bylaws shall be considered a part of the constitution of the Judson FFA Alumni.

#### ARTICLE II. LOCATION FO PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principle office of the Judson FFA Alumni shall be located at:

Judson High School

9142 FM 78

Converse, TX 78109

(210) 6558-6251

(210) 659-4359 (Fax Number)

# ARTICLE III. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF JUDSON FFA ALUMNI

Section A. The 7 members of the Judson FFA Alumni Council who are selected from the membership-at-large shall be elected by vote at the annual meeting; each member in good standing shall be entitled to vote.

- Section B. Only current members are entitled to vote
- Section C. The current FFA Chapter Advisors shall serve as members of the council by virtue of their positions. The local FFA Advisors shall serve as voting members.
- Section D. All voting council members, other than those provided for in Section C, shall serve a 1 year term.
- Section E. Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Judson FFA Alumni Council, other than from expiration of their terms of office, the local FFA Alumni Council shall appoint a person to fill the unexpired term of office.

## ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF THE ALUMNI COUNCIL

Section A. It shall be the duty of the FFA Council to direct the operation of the affiliate/association in accordance with its constitutional purpose. It shall be responsible for planning the programs and activities in which it is advisable for the affiliate/association to participate.

Section B. The FFA Alumni Council may appoint such committees necessary to Further the work of the Judson FFA Alumni .

## ARTICLE V. TIME OF MEETINGS

The annual meeting and other necessary meetings of the Judson FFA Alumni shall be held at such a place at such a place and time as may be prescribed by the local FFA Alumni Council.

The annual meeting shall be held prior to the annual state meeting at the time either in correlation with the local FFA chapter banquet or some other appropriate time.

## ARTICLE VI. FISCAL YEAR

Section A. The fiscal year of the local FFA Alumni shall be determined by the members of the affiliate according to their constitution and bylaws

## ARTICLE VII. TREASURY

Section A. Books and records of the Judson FFA Alumni may be inspected by any member or his agent or attorney at any reasonable time.

Section B. There shall be an annual audit of the Judson FFA Alumni. The treasurer, or anyone authorized to handle and account for funds should be bonded in sufficient amount to protect the FFA Alumni.

Section C. All parent / alumni checks will require signatures from two authorized signers.

# **ARTICLE VIII. Scholarships**

## Section A. Scholarship Overview

The Judson FFA Parent Alumni Association may award scholarships each year provided there are available funds.

There is no minimum or maximum number of scholarships to be awarded. The number of scholarships will depend on the number of applications received and the recommendation of the scholarship committee.

Total dollar amount of scholarships awarded will not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of available funds in the Alumni accounts after all obligations have been accounted for and/or settled.

## Section B. Scholarship Eligibility

A custodial parent <u>MUST</u> be a member, in good standing, of the Judson FFA Parent Alumni Association during the school year of submission of scholarship.

Student **MUST** submit a scholarship application prior to the deadline on the application.

Student **MUST** attend the scholarship interview on the date printed on the application.

# Section C. Receipt of Scholarship

Scholarship payment will be made to the educational institution and not to the student. The student awarded the scholarship must provide to the Alumni Treasurer the following information:

- Name and address of educational institution planning to attend.
- Bill, with a total of charges for attendance. Must include student's name.
- Account number (i.e. Student ID number) to reference for payment of funds as well as the Registrar name and phone number.

# Under no circumstance will a payment be made to the student or family member.

If recipient/student does not enroll in college for the Fall semester following graduation, the scholarship will be forfeited and the total amount of the scholarship credited to the Alumni bank account.

If the student does not complete the enrolled courses, the scholarship funds will not go to the student and must be returned to the Judson FFA Parent Alumni Association.