

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE
FLORIDA TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
AND FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED**

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be THE FLORIDA TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION AND FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED.

ARTICLE II - DURATION

The term for which it is organized shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

The corporation is organized for the overall purposes of furthering education and development of the Florida Technology Student Association, and the Florida Technology Student Alumni Association members with emphasis in Technology Education and leadership development at the state and local level.

Specific purposes, without limiting the scope of the foregoing, include but are not limited to the following:

- (a) To promote and stimulate interest in Technology Education, technological literacy, leadership, and careers in technology.
- (b) To promote and develop interest on the part of the general public in Technology Education, including the activities of the Florida Technology Student Association, and the Florida Technology Student Alumni Association.
- (c) To provide funds for awards, scholarships, or other recognition as authorized by the Board of Directors to deserving Florida TSA and Alumni members, who have achieved distinction on a national, state, or local level and to administer, direct, or supervise the granting of such recognition.
- (d) To provide or support conferences, workshops, and other educational and leadership development activities for members of Florida TSA.
- (e) To provide or support conference and other educational facilities for the use of Florida TSA members, teachers, and such other persons and groups as may from time to time be approached by authority of the Board of Directors.
- (f) To publish an annual report of the activities of the corporation, including a statement of receipts and expenditures, and to prepare and issue other publications or educational materials as may from time to time be approved by the Board of Directors.
- (g) To publish and support a Student Newsletter, an Alumni Newsletter and an Advisors Update as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Board of Directors.

The corporation may solicit, receive, hold, and expend funds or other property in such a manner as the Board of Directors may determine to be appropriate to further the foregoing purposes, and shall have all other powers conferred by or permissible under the Florida Nonprofit Corporations Act.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The corporation shall have a Board of Directors that will govern all activities of the Florida Technology Student Association and Foundation as specified in the Florida Technology Student Association and Foundation, Inc. Bylaws. The Bylaws shall also provide for their duties and functions. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, alter, and rescind the Bylaws of this corporation provided that at least thirty days (30 days) notice has been given all members of the Board of Directors of the character of the prepared amendment or amendments to be voted on. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors or the board's designee.

There shall be no fewer than seven (7) or more than fourteen (14) voting members.

All board members shall be appointed in accordance with the Florida Technology Student Association and Foundation, Inc. Bylaws.

ARTICLE V LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE VI PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or otherwise intervene in (including the publishing and distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf on any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE VII DISPOSITION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of General Sessions of Florida exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VIII REGISTERED AGENT

The registered agent of the corporation in Florida shall be the Executive Director.

ARTICLE IX PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS ANOX. MAILING ADDRESS

The principal place of business and the mailing address of this corporation shall reside in the address of the appointed Executive Director.

ARTICLE X MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is as follows:

The State Program Director shall appoint the Members at Large of the TSA Board of Directors annually, on or before April 30 of each calendar year, in accordance with Article II of the Florida Technology Student Association and Foundation, Inc. Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors may amend these Articles of Incorporation at any regular meeting by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all voting Board members, provided that at least a thirty (30) days' notice has been given to all members of the Board of Directors, and to each of the Advisors of each of the chapters in good standing of the Florida Technology Student Association, of the character of the proposed amendment or amendments to be voted upon.