Suggested Alateen Preamble

Alateen Groups are a fellowship of young relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

Alateen is not allied with any sect, denomination, political entity, organization, or institution; does not engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any cause. There are no dues for membership. Alateen is self-supporting through its own voluntary contributions.

Alateen has but one purpose: to help younger ones cope and heal while living and loving family members affected by alcoholism. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps, by welcoming and giving comfort to each other, and by giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic.