

# LAMPLIGHTERS OF AUGUSTA

## MENTORING PROGRAM CONSTITUTION

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### I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Lamplighters of Augusta Mentoring Program.

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### II. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission is to work with and establish relationships with young men to offer support, guidance, assistance, and to guide them in their transformation to manhood and instill high leadership and academic skills.

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### III. PURPOSE / OBJECTIVES

The purpose and objectives of the organization are:

- A. To work with young men toward personal development.
- B. To assist young men in setting and achieving high academic, moral, and ethical goals to become better citizens.
- C. To teach organizational and time management skills.
- D. To encourage and foster Christian principles.
- E. To help and encourage the young men to adopt the principles of manhood.
- F. To help and encourage the young men to develop leadership skills to serve as role models.
- G. To assist parents and teachers in the development of a total work effort.
- H. To develop the desire to persevere in adverse situations.

I. To develop an awareness of community needs and a desire to render community service.

J. To develop well-rounded young men with values, perception, and skills to thrive and succeed in today's society while maintaining strong ties to their families and communities.

#### **IV. MEMBERSHIP**

A. A member of this organization must agree to be bound by the provisions of this constitution.

B. Membership shall consist of young men ages 8 through 18. Young men younger than 8 are permitted only if he is a son of a member of the Lamplighters.

C. Membership may be extended to sons of members of Lamplighters of Augusta, and that member agrees to be present at meetings and work with the Lamplighters of Augusta Mentoring Program.

D. Members and prospective members shall uphold good moral standards, pursue academic excellence, and demonstrate a desire to be team players.

E. All members of the Lamplighters of Augusta Mentoring Program shall be approved for a probationary period by the advisory committee.

F. Members of the Lamplighters of Augusta may submit names of prospective mentee members.

G. Members who fail to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings without an acceptable excuse shall automatically be dropped from the membership roll.

H. Acceptance into the organization will be based on attendance, behavior, and performance during a two-month probationary period.

I. Membership admission will take place between August 1st and July 1st each year.

J. The previous school year's report card and/or transcript is required as part of the application for membership.

K. Dues shall be determined by a vote of the membership.

L. Any member who conducts himself properly, maintains good financial standing, and attends meetings regularly shall be eligible to hold office and chair a committee.

M. Members who are not current with dues shall not participate in any activities of the organization.

N. The selection of new members shall follow a probationary period and be based on the number of names submitted by members. Final selection shall be determined by the Advisory Committee.

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## **V. MEETINGS**

A. Regular meetings of the organization shall be held on the first Saturday of each month during the school year. Meeting time and location shall be mutually agreed upon by the group.

B. Special called meetings may be scheduled by the advisor as needed.

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## **VI. QUORUM**

A quorum shall consist of twenty percent (20%) of the membership, which is required for the transaction of official business.

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## **VII. ADVISORS**

Advisors shall be members of the Lamplighters of Augusta.

At least one advisor must be present at all meetings.

Advisors serve as consultants on all organizational matters.

Advisors have the authority to veto any action proposed by committees, officers, or members that is inconsistent with this Constitution or the values and policies of the Augusta Lamplighters Chapter.