TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
PARENTS ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

Article I
Name

The name of this organization shall be the Tennessee Tech University Parents Association, (herein called TTUPA).

Article II
Purpose

The purpose TTUPA is to develop the relationship between parent and university which will be the foundation in supporting our students in his or her endeavors. Our students should feel comfortable in seeking assistance from either the parent or university, and all three should be working towards the ultimate goal of the student earning a degree. TTUPA will accomplish this by the following:

1. Serve as a liaison between Tennessee Tech University’s parents and the University’s President, administrative officials, along with members of faculty.
2. Encourage mutual understanding and facilitate communications between families and the University’s community.
3. To collaborate with the University to create the best learning and living environment on campus for our students.
4. To be visible and present at the request of the University.
5. To help sponsor University programs and services that meet the needs of families and students.
6. To promote advancement of the University and its students with financial support by providing scholarships and/or financial support each year to a TTUPA member’s student.

Article III
Membership

All parents or legal guardians of students currently enrolled in the University are invited to purchase a membership. The Board of Trustees will determine the benefits of membership.

Article IV
Board of Trustees

1. TTUPA shall be governed by its Board of Trustees.
2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of Parent, Student and Ex-Officio Members.
3. The Board of Trustees will consist of:
   a. Chairperson
   b. Chair-Elect/Vice Chairperson
c. Secretary (this position may be merged with the Treasurer’s; to be determined on an annual basis)

d. Treasurer

e. Two (2) student members.
   1. One student member who is the Student Government Association President
   2. One student member who leads one of the University’s student organizations (to be recommended by the Director of New Students and Family Programs and to be determined by the Board of Trustees each year).

f. Parent Members
g. Ex-Officio members
   1. Dean of Students
   2. Director of Alumni Relations
   3. Director of New Students and Family Programs

4. To be eligible to serve on the Board of Trustees, the individual must be the parent or legal guardian of a TTU student in good standing, on the first day of class during the fall semester. Board of Trustees, as well as officers of the Board of Trustees, may only serve in that role as long as they have a student enrolled in the school.

5. A person who would like to serve on the Board of Trustees must complete an application, which is to be submitted to the Director of New Students and Family Programs. After reviewing applications, the Executive Board will make recommendation to the Board of Trustees in order to fill vacancies. Majority vote will determine new members to the Board of Trustees.

6. Terms for Board of Trustee members will be three-years, to commence at the fall Parents and Family Weekend.

7. Vacancies in positions of Chairperson, Chair-Elect/Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary will be filled by majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

Article V
Meetings

Two (2) meetings of the Tennessee Tech University Parents Association Board of Trustees shall be conducted each year. The first meeting shall be held during Parents Weekend and the second meeting shall be held in the Spring Semester during a time designated by the Board of Trustees. Other meetings may be called by the Chairperson, in consultation with the Director of New Students and Family Programs.