

TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY PARENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name

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

Article II

Purpose

The purpose of the TTUPA is to develop the relationship between parent and university which will be the foundation in supporting our students in their endeavors. Our students should feel comfortable in seeking assistance from either the parent or university, and all three should be working toward 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 behest 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, emergency aid, educational programming, and any other appropriate methods.

Article III

Membership

All parents or legal guardians of undergraduate 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. Vice Chairperson
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Immediate Past Chairperson
 - e. Two (2) student members.
 1. To be approved by the Board of Trustees
 - f. Parent Members
 - g. *Ex-Officio* members
 1. Executive Director for Student Success (Serves as Executive Director for TTUPA Board of Trustees)
 2. Director for New Student & Family Programs
 3. Assistant Director for New Student & Family Programs
 4. Representative from University Advancement
4. Parent Board members and executive officers, excluding *Ex-Officio* members of the Board, must be parents or legal guardians of current Tennessee Tech students.
5. To be eligible for office, the individual must be, when nominated, the parent or legal guardian of a student at Tennessee Tech University within the coming year.
 - a. A person who is elected to an officer position on the Board of Trustees may continue to serve until the end of their designated term of office regardless of their student's enrollment status.
 - b. A Board Member may choose to complete their full 3-year term even if their enrolled student has graduated.
6. A person who would like to serve on the Board of Trustees must complete an application, which is to be submitted to the Executive Director.
7. Interviews may be used in selecting new Trustees and majority vote will determine new members to the Board of Trustees.
8. Vacancies in positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary will be filled by majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

Article V
Meetings

Two (2) meetings of the Tennessee Tech University Parent Association shall be conducted each year. One meeting will always be held during the Fall semester and the second meeting shall be held during the alternating semester at a time designated by the Board of Trustees.