# DANBURY FFA ALUMNI CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE 1. NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION A. The name of the organization shall be Danbury FFA Alumni Association

SECTION B. The purpose of the organization shall be:

- To support and promote the FFA organization, FFA activities and agricultural education on local, state and national levels.
- To provide a tie to the FFA and assist FFA and agricultural education personnel to involve former members and other interested in supporting worthy activities.
- 3. To promote greater knowledge of agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.
- To cooperate with the Danbury FFA Chapter and the Texas State and National FFA Alumni Association.
- 5. To promote and maintain an appreciation of the American free enterprise system.
- 6. To promote the personal development aspect of the FFA.
- 7. To raise monies for the enhancement for the annual Danbury FFA Alumni scholarships.
- 8. To raise monies for the enhancement and development of the Danbury FFA Alumni program to benefit all Danbury FFA members.

#### Article II. ORGANIZATION

Section A. The Danbury FFA Alumni is a chartered local affiliate of the Texas FFA Alumni Association.

The Danbury FFA Alumni is a chartered local affiliate of the Texas FFA Alumni Association that is charted by the National FFA Alumni Association. The Danbury Alumni Association is organized as a non-profit organization and in, the event of dissolution: any material assets shall be turned over to the Danbury FFA Chapter.

Section B. The Danbury Alumni accepts in full the provisions in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Texas and National Alumni Associations.

The Danbury FFA Alumni accepts in full provisions in the constitution and the Bylaws of the Texas and national FFA Alumni Associations. Should there be a conflict between the Constitution and the Bylaws or standing rule, the Constitution shall govern.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section A.

Membership shall be open to former active, collegiate and honorary FFA members, present and former professional agricultural educators, parents of FFA members and other interested in the FFA, upon payment of dues. Only paid members who are present may vote in elections and on all motions presented for vote at Alumni Association meetings.

Section B. The title Honorary Membership may be conferred upon any man or woman whom the organization desires to honor.

## ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE BODY

Section A. The Danbury FFA Alumni Association shall adopt any emblem voted on and passed by a FFA Alumni Council.

Section B. The Danbury FFA Alumni Council shall consist of up to six persons, elected at – large by the membership.

- 1. Representatives with direct relation to active FFA members as specified in section c,
- 2. Past FFA Alumni President in accordance with item #1.
- 3. The local FFA advisor(s) shall serve as ex-officio non -voting member(s).

Section C. All members of the Danbury FFA Alumni Council must be active members of the FFA Alumni and majority of which must have a student active in the FFA program. In the event that we are not able to meet this requirement a special election can be held to fill the vacancy.

Section D. The Danbury FFA Alumni Council shall select annually a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, from the council membership. Reporter and sentinel shall also be selected provided that nominations were received. The Treasurer's report shall be made public knowledge to all Alumni members.

Section E. The Bylaws specify the responsibilities of each person.

Section F. It shall be the duty of the Executive Body to serve as the Committee to direct the operation of the association in accordance with its constitutional purposes. The Danbury Alumni council shall be responsible for planning programs and activities in which is advisable for the association to participate, and it is solely responsible for the annual scholarship by initiating awards and selection criteria when appropriate, and to recommend a dollar amount for scholarship awards for the next fiscal year.

ARTICLE VI. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section A. The Danbury FFA Alumni council that are selected from the memberships-at- large shall be elected by vote at the annual meeting in May. Each member in good standing (current paid dues) shall be entitled to vote. Officer nominations will be accepted one month prior to the annual meeting.

Section B. The current FFA Chapter representative and immediate past GGA Chapter officer shall serve as members of the council by virtue of their positions. The local FFA advisor shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members.

Section C. All voting council members, other than those provided for in article V of the Danbury FFA Alumni Constitution serve one-year term.

Section D. whenever a vacancy occurs on the Danbury FFA Alumni Council, other than from expiration of their terms of office, the Danbury FFA Alumni Council shall appoint a person to fill the unexpired term of office.

## ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section A. The Danbury FFA Alumni Council shall meet monthly. Additional meeting may be called by the President or by majority of the council members upon petition to the secretary.

Section B. There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the Danbury FFA Alumni in May. Additional membership meetings may be called by the Danbury FFA Alumni Council.

#### ARTICLE VIII. DUES

The annual dues of the Danbury FFA Alumni shall be recommended by the FFA Alumni Council and fixed by majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting. State and national dues must be paid on a calendar membership year basis for all active FFA Alumni members. No members shall be considered an active member and in good standing unless full dues are paid.

### ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Section A. The constitution of the Danbury FFA Alumni may be amended or changed once a year at the annual meeting by two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it's not in conflict with the constitution of the State or National FFA Alumni Associations. Affirmation by two-thirds of those voting shall be necessary to adopt an amendment.

**Section B.** Proposed amendments to the constitution of the Danbury FFA Alumni may be submitted by any active member and must be in writing and received to the secretary no later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Proposed amendments shall be approved by at least three members of the FFA Alumni Council before being submitted to the membership for consideration.

Section C. Amendments to the Bylaws of the Danbury FFA Alumni may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting by two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such bylaws in no way conflict with the constitution and bylaws of the State and National FFA Alumni Associations.

Section D. Proposed amendments to the bylaws of the Danbury FFA Alumni may be submitted by any active member and must be in writing and received by the secretary no later than 30 days prior to the monthly meeting. Proposed amendments shall be approved by at least three members of the FFA council before being submitted to the membership for consideration.

# ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTART AUTHOURITY

All parliamentary procedures not covered by the Constitution or Bylaws of the Danbury Alumni Association shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised Edition.

Each regular meeting shall be conducted according to the following agenda:

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Reading of the minutes
- 3. Treasurers report
- 4. Unfinished business
- New business
- 6. Election of officers( if applicable)
- 7. Adjournment

### ARTICLE XI. DISSOLUTION

The Danbury FFA Alumni Association may be dissolved by written consent of not less than two-thirds of the members or in the event that ten fee paying members are not obtained. In the event of dissolution other than for the purpose of reorganization of the Alumni Association, none of the property, proceeds or assets of the Alumni Association shall be distributed to any members of the Alumni Association, but after payment of the debts of the Alumni Association its property and assets shall become the property of the Danbury FFA Chapter for the benefit of assisting the chapters members.