# Constitution

CONSTITUTION OF THE \*

OF THE (STATE ASPIRING EDUCATOR PROGRAM NAME)

#### ARTICLE I . Name and Location

Section 1. The name of this association shall be \*\*

hereinafter known as the Association.

Section 2. Headquarters for the Association will be maintained in

\*, County, (State).

#### ARTICLE II . Purposes

Section 1. Promote interest among young adults who are interested in education careers.

Section 2. Provide members with opportunities for developing personal growth and professional competence.

Section 3. Provide opportunities for gaining an understanding of the history, ethics, and programs of the education profession.

Section 4. Provide opportunities for participating in cooperative work on the problems of the profession and the community.

Section 5. Provide professional membership on the local, state, and national levels during the preparation period for a career in education.

Section 6. Strive for higher standards of preparation.

#### ARTICLE III . Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Association shall be open to any

(name of your school) student preparing for a career or interested in education who has never been eligible for any other category of membership within the NEA.

Section 2. In addition to being a member of the Association each member shall be affiliated with the State and National Student Aspiring Educators Program. A person shall not be admitted to or continue membership in the Association who possesses a teaching contract or who receives payment for teaching duties rendered — with the exception of graduate students receiving graduate teaching assistantships.

Section 3. The membership year shall be from September 1 to August 31.

Section 4. Membership will not be denied on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, or physical challenge.

### ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be responsible to the membership in all matters concerning the discharge of their duties.

Section 2. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, or President-Elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer (Secretary/Treasurer could be one individual), an Editor, and a Historian (Editor/Historian could be one individual). (A local may have additional officers, but it must have those listed in this section.)

#### ARTICLE V . Organization

Section 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the officers, state officers from the local, and the local advisor(s).

Section 2. GENERAL MEETING: There shall be general meetings of the members of this Association annually.

#### ARTICLE VI. Affiliation

Section 1. The Association shall be affiliated with the (State and National) NEA Student Aspiring Educators Programs.

Section 2. The Association shall not affiliate with any local, state, or national group, union, or association that competes for membership with the (State and National) Association.

#### ARTICLE VII . Amendment Process

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting.

Section 2. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Secretary and read at the previous regular meeting.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: Any amendment(s) to this Constitution shall become effective immediately upon approval by the membership.

#### ARTICLE VIII . Suspension of Rules

Section 1. Any section of any article of this Constitution may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any general meeting, provided that any request for a suspension must be accompanied by a statement of the purpose for the suspension of the rules.

Section 3: EFFECTIVE DATE: Any amendment(s) to this Constitution shall become effective immediately upon approval by the membership.