

**NORTH CAROLINA
ASSOCIATION
OF TEEN DEMOCRATS**

MEMBERSHIP PACKET

NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
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OVERVIEW OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF TEEN DEMOCRATS

Founded in 1962 by then Governor Terry Sanford, the North Carolina Teen Democrats has a rich history of over four decades of active support for our Party and its nominees. Organized to give teens, aged 13 through 19, an opportunity to be actively involved in the support of Democratic nominees, the goals of the North Carolina Teen Democrats were summarized in the organization's 1987 Constitution as the following:

- (A) To provide an open forum for the expression of political ideas;
- (B) To educate and motivate students on the issues and ideas that affect and influence the continuing Democratic commitment to political, social, and economic reform;
- (C) To enhance and activate the student role in the electoral process;
- (D) To communicate the Democratic message to junior high and high school students throughout North Carolina; and
- (E) To take a more active role in the Democratic Party.

Over the years, Teen Democrats (known historically as "Teen Dems") have actively provided grassroots support for our Party's nominees. But the organization has also been the training ground for future political leaders, including Congressman Mike McIntyre and former North Carolina Senator Tom Taft (the state organization's second President).

Teen Democrats organizations are organized at either the county or the high school level. In recognition of the important role that Teen Democrats play in our Party, the Plan of Organization for the North Carolina Democratic Party provides that both the President and the Advisor of a county Teen Democrats organization shall be voting members of the county Democratic Executive Committee.¹ In addition, the President and Advisor of the state Teen Democrats organization are voting members of both the State Executive Council and the State Executive Committee.

Historically, the North Carolina Teen Democrats has been affiliated with the North Carolina Young Democrats and, more recently, the North Carolina Democratic Women. Under the organization's present constitution, the North Carolina Teen Democrats is a free-standing organization, affiliated only with the North Carolina Democratic Party. The by-laws of the North Carolina Association of Teen Democrats are subject to the approval of the state Party's Executive Committee.

Teens may join the North Carolina Association of Teen Democrats either by chartering a local (countywide or high school) organization with the state association or, where no such organization exists in the teen's county or high school, by becoming an at-large member. Membership is open to any teen aged 13 through 19.

¹ Presidents or Advisors of high school, non-county wide, organizations do not sit on the County Executive Committee.

TEEN DEMOCRATS' ACTIVITIES

Local Teen Democrats organizations historically have been actively involved in all aspects of grassroots party work, including GOTV ("Get Out the Vote") activities, voter registration drives, and voter education and persuasion efforts. Local organizations usually work closely with the county Democratic Party to provide assistance and support for the county Party's mission.

The frequency with which local organizations meet is up to each individual organization. Some organizations meet monthly, others meet weekly.

At the statewide level, the Teen Democrats provide an opportunity for teens to learn about the latest campaign techniques, network with elected officials and other Teen Democrats, debate resolutions of importance to the membership, and become informed on Party operations and activities. Past annual conventions have featured speeches by innumerable statewide candidates and elected officials, appearances by two candidates for President of the United States, as well as seminars on topics ranging from fundraising and parliamentary procedure to publicity and membership recruitment.

TEEN DEMOCRATS' ADVISOR

The advisor of the North Carolina Association of Teen Democrats is appointed by the Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party. The statewide organization's current advisor is:

Susan Oller North Carolina Democratic Party 220 Hillsborough Street Raleigh, NC 27603 soller@ncdp.org
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The advisor or advisors of both the state and local organizations serve to facilitate the organization's operations and assist in all aspects of the organization's operations.

UPCOMING SPRING CONVENTION

In the Spring, Saturday, April 30, 2005, at 11 AM at the NCDP Headquarters, 220 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, North Carolina Association of Teen Democrats will hold a statewide convention in Raleigh, North Carolina. During the convention, statewide officers will be elected, including: a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Become a member today so that you can participate in this annual event!

APPLICATION TO CHARTER A LOCAL TEEN DEMOCRATS ORGANIZATION

Local Teen Democrats organizations (including county-wide or high school organizations) may be chartered as members of the North Carolina Association of Teen Democrats. To charter your organization, submit the following forms, along with a copy of your organization's constitution and/or by-laws, to:

Susan Oller
North Carolina Democratic Party
220 Hillsborough Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

Questions may be directed to Susan Oller at soller@ncdp.org.

APPLICATION TO CHARTER A LOCAL TEEN DEMOCRATS ORGANIZATION

Organization Name: _____

County or High School: _____

NAME OF COUNTY: _____

OFFICERS

President

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Year of graduation _____ Gender _____

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APPLICATION FOR AT-LARGE MEMBERSHIP

Teens interested in joining the North Carolina Association of Teen Democrats, but who reside in a county where there is no Teen Democrats organization and attend a high school where no such organization exists, may join the statewide organization as an at-large member. At-large members have full and equal membership in the statewide organization, although the calculation of votes at the organization's statewide annual Spring Convention may be different for at-large members than for members attending the convention through a chartered organization.

To become an at-large member, submit this form to:

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Raleigh, NC 27603

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I wish to become an at-large member of the North Carolina Association of Teen Democrats. To my knowledge, there is no Teen Democrats organization in my county or at my school.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Year of Graduation _____ Gender _____

Signature