



**THE LIBERTY UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
CODE OF ETHICS**

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## SECTION I: PURPOSE

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1. The Liberty University Student Government Association (SGA) Code of Ethics provides a codified set of expectations for individuals who serve in elected, appointed or nominated positions within the Executive, Representative, or Judicial branches of the Liberty University Student Government Association. Service as a member of the SGA is both a privilege and a responsibility and as such, members of SGA are held to a higher standard of conduct. As campus leaders members of SGA shall strive for integrity, honesty and excellence in the way that they serve and represent the student body at Liberty University.
2. Every student prior to serving in SGA must sign an agreement stating that they will uphold and respect this Code of Ethics.

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## SECTION II: DUTIES

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Members of SGA shall;

1. Faithfully execute their duties as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws.
2. Act in the best interest of the student body and make every reasonable attempt to fulfill their duties in good faith and with full regard for the welfare of others.
3. Be forthright, honest, and fully transparent in their communication with the student body, faculty and Administration of the University.
4. Actively attend and participate in SGA meetings, events and programs that require their attendance.
5. Promote the common good of the student body.
6. Work to improve and better the SGA in its role of serving and representing students.
7. Properly educate themselves with the policies and procedures of the SGA.

8. Resolve the affairs of serving and representing the student body in an expedient and proficient manner.
9. Remain up to date on emerging issues and potential problems facing the student body.

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## SECTION III: CONDUCT

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Members of SGA shall;

1. Conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times.
2. Adhere to the Liberty Way.
3. Conduct themselves in a professional manner when acting as a member of SGA.
4. Maintain respect for the University, its employees, fellow members of SGA, and the student body.
5. All members of SGA are required to treat other members with respect and may not disparage or discriminate against anyone because of sex, ethnicity, or race.
6. Be prohibited from misusing, mismanaging equipment, facilities, or funds of the SGA.
7. Be prohibited from threatening, coercing, or bribing a fellow member or student.
8. Adhere to the SGA's *Policy on Communication with University Administration*.
9. Demonstrate professional and personal conduct that is above reproach.
10. Refrain from abusive conduct, personal charges or verbal attacks upon the character or motives of fellow SGA members as well as the University administrators, faculty, staff and the student body.
11. Respect the organizational structure, procedures and policies of the SGA.
12. Refrain from interrupting other speakers or act in a way that interferes with the orderly conduct of meetings.

13. Listen courteously and attentively to all public discussions held within SGA.
14. Respect the confidentiality of information concerning the property, personnel or affairs of the student body.
15. Maintain genuine honesty not to be compromised for the sake of personal gain or advancement.

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## SECTION IV: DISCIPLINE

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1. If a member of SGA believes that another member has violated this Code of Ethics it is their responsibility to respectfully confront the member in question and provide a recommended course of action.
2. If the member in question who has been accused of violating this Code of Ethics fails to listen to the member who has confronted them it is the responsibility of the member who confronted the other member to confront that member again but with the presence of a senior leader of SGA in their respective branch.
3. If the member in question who has been accused of violating this Code of Ethics fails to listen to the member and senior leader of SGA it is the responsibility of the member and senior leader who confronted the other member to petition the Student Court to create an Investigative Committee to follow the disciplinary procedures outlined in the Constitution.
4. The following disciplinary actions may be implemented by the Student Court if a member has been found guilty of violating this Code of Ethics:
  - a. Censure the member's ability to attend certain meetings and events.
  - b. Censure the member's ability to speak in certain meeting and events.
  - c. Suspend a member for any period of time that the Student Court deems necessary.
  - d. Require that the member resign from their position for the remainder of the Academic Year.
  - e. Expel the member from serving or being involved with SGA indefinitely.
  - f. Refer the member to the Dean of Students Office.
  - g. Any other form of discipline deemed necessary by the Student Court.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, do resolve, to the best of my ability, to uphold and respect this Code of Ethics as I work to serve the student body as a member of the Liberty University Student Government Association.

Signed,

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_