



CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION **STUDENT SECTION**

The following documents (Charter Agreement, Application, Sample Constitution) are to be used for the formation of a CMA-SS **Affiliate** Chapter.

CMA-SS Affiliate Chapters may be formed by those students enrolled at an accredited institution seeking **an advanced degree in an allied health field** (DPM, ND, NP, etc.) or medical students enrolled in **an accredited Caribbean allopathic or osteopathic school**, provided that at least half their training is in the United States.



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Affiliate Chapter CHARTER AGREEMENT

BETWEEN
CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION STUDENT SECTION
AND

THIS CHARTER AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is entered into as of _____, by and between the **Catholic Medical Association Student Section** (“CMA-SS”), and _____.

1. Recitals

1.1 **WHEREAS**, the “CMA-SS Mission” is to support and empower students of medicine and other health professions in their formation as Catholic health care providers. As an integral part of the Catholic Medical Association, students have the opportunity to work with members of the CMA, both on local and national levels, who can provide guidance and mentoring for students through the challenges of being a Catholic and living out this calling; and

1.2 **WHEREAS**, the affiliate chapter desires to adopt and implement the Mission of CMA-SS, specifically in _____ (“Locality”); and

1.3 **WHEREAS**, the mission, vision, and goals of the Affiliate Chapter are consistent with those of CMA-SS; and

1.4 **WHEREAS**, it is the intention of CMA-SS and the Affiliate Chapter that this Agreement be entered into for the sole purpose of establishing a meaningful structure for supporting students of medicine and other health professions;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto, hereby agree as follows:

2. Scope and Description of Association. The parties have entered this Agreement to jointly further the CMA-SS Mission in _____. To that end, each party commits to the following:

2.1 The Affiliate chapter shall:

2.1.1 at all times adhere to and be governed by the CMA-SS Mission as set forth above in Section 1.1;

2.1.2 conduct all activities in accordance with and in submission to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church;

2.1.3 at all times have at least four (4) members who are both (a) students enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning seeking an advanced degree in the medical field, and (b) members in good standing of CMA-SS;

2.1.4 require that the CMA member physician mentor be considered an “ex officio” member of its group of officers;

2.1.5 abide by all requirements set forth in this Agreement and various other agreements that may be entered into by CMA-SS and the Affiliate Chapter from time to time.

2.2 CMA-SS shall:

2.2.1 grant to the Affiliate Chapter, during the term of this Agreement, the right to identify itself as “An Affiliate Chapter of the Catholic Medical Association Student Section”; and

2.2.2 provide other educational and operational assistance as deemed appropriate in CMA-SS’s sole discretion, to support the Affiliate Chapter’s development and promotion of the CMA-SS Mission in the Locality.

3. Term of this Agreement. This Agreement shall begin on the date indicated above, and its initial term shall last until September of the following school year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have affixed their signatures as of the date set forth in the first Paragraph of this Agreement.

Student Leader

CMA Physician Mentor



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Affiliate Chapter APPLICATION

1. Name and Address of your student group: e.g., "Affiliate CMA-SS of _____ University"

Name _____

Address _____

(Street, City, State, Zip Code)

2. Diocese and CMA Guild with which group is associated:

Diocese _____

CMA Guild (if applicable) _____

3. Members of the Board: include titles and contact information – address, email, etc.

President

(email)

Vice-President

(email)

Secretary-Treasurer _____

(email)

Others: _____

Members: _____

(If there are not four positions on your Board, list the names of other CMA members for a total of four (4).)

4. Acknowledge that your by-laws list the CMA member physician (_____) as an ex-officio member of your Board

Yes No

5. Do you wish the agreement to run for:

one year two years five years

Please return to: students@cathmed.org



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Chapter CONSTITUTION

This document is intended as an outline/template for individual student groups to use in creating bylaws/constitution that fulfills CMA-SS requirements per the affiliate chapter charter agreement and individual school requirements.

_____, AN AFFILIATE CHAPTER
OF THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION STUDENT SECTION

Constitution and Bylaws

As Adopted _____

Article 1 - NAME

The organization shall be known as the _____, an Affiliate Chapter of the Catholic Medical Association Student Section (CMA-SS).

Article 2 - PURPOSE

1. To provide support and assistance to Catholic allied health students, so that they can grow in their faith and understanding of the principles of the Catholic faith in the course of their education and training.
2. To provide formal opportunities for education, service and worship in a graduate health school setting.
3. To collaborate with local guilds of the Catholic Medical Association (CMA), in advancing the principles of the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine.

Article 3 - MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.1 Qualifications for Members: To qualify for membership in the Affiliate Chapter, an individual must:

1. Subscribe in writing to the Affiliate Chapter Purposes as set forth in Article 2 above.
2. Be a due paying member of the Catholic Medical Association Student Section.

Section 3.2 Meetings: Regular and special meetings of the Chapter may be held at such time and place as determined by the officers of the Chapter.

Article 4 - ORGANIZATION

[In this section, each individual group can establish the necessary leadership positions required. It is recommended by the CMA-SS National Office that each school group has one individual who is the main liaison between the National Office and the group.]

Article 5 - AMENDMENTS

The bylaws of the Chapter may be amended, repealed, or added to. New bylaws may be adopted by a majority vote of the officers of the Chapter. All modifications of the bylaws of the Chapter must be approved by the board of the CMA-SS before they are accepted.