Catholic Medical Association

Student Section

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

CMA-SS Chapters may only be formed by medical students enrolled at an accredited allopathic or osteopathic school in the United States.
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 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 Chapter are consistent with those of CMA-SS; and

1.4 WHEREAS, it is the intention of CMA-SS and the 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 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 medical or osteopathic school in the United States, 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 Chapter from time to time.

2.2 CMA-SS shall:

   2.2.1 grant to the Chapter, during the term of this Agreement, the right to identify itself as “A 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 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
1. Name and Address of your student group: e.g., “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)
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: to students@cathmed.org
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 chapter charter agreement and individual school requirements.

_________________________________, A CHAPTER

OF THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION STUDENT SECTION

Constitution and Bylaws

As Adopted____________________________

Article 1 - NAME

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

Article 2 - PURPOSE

1. To provide support and assistance to Catholic medical 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 medical 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 Chapter, an individual must:

1. Subscribe in writing to the 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.