

# **Sikh Student's Association Constitution**

## **Lakehead University**

### **Article 1: Name**

The official name of the organization is the Sikh Student's Association (SSA) at Lakehead University.

### **Article 2: Purpose**

The purpose of the Sikh Student's Association is to:

1. Promote awareness and understanding of Sikhism within the university and the broader community.
2. Provide a space for Sikh students to connect, share experiences, and support one another.
3. Organize cultural, religious, and educational events to celebrate Sikh heritage.
4. Encourage inclusivity and foster dialogue with students from all backgrounds.
5. Engage in community service and outreach initiatives.

### **Article 3: Membership**

1. Eligibility: Membership is open to all students, faculty, staff of Lakehead University and to those who support the mission of the club.

2. Composition: At least 50% of the club's members must be current students of LUSU members. The remaining membership can include faculty, staff, alumni, and community members who align with the club's objectives.

3. Types of Membership:

General Members: Students who wish to participate in club activities.

Executive Members: Elected members who hold leadership roles.

4. Fees: No membership fees will be required.

#### **Article 4: Executive Committee**

The executive committee shall consist of the following positions:

1. President: Responsible for overall leadership, representing the club, and overseeing activities.
2. Secretary: Maintains records, meeting minutes, and communication with members.
4. Treasurer: Manages the club's funds and prepares financial reports.

#### **Article 5: Elections and Terms**

1. Elections will be held annually at the end of the academic year.
2. All members can vote, and any member in good standing can run for office.
3. Terms last for one academic year, with re-elections possible.

#### **Article 6: Meetings**

1. General Meetings: Held at least once per semester to discuss club activities.
2. Executive Meetings: Held monthly or as needed to plan events and manage affairs.
3. Quorum: At least 50% of executive members must be present for official decisions.

#### **Article 7: Finances**

1. The club shall maintain transparency in all financial matters.
2. Funds shall be used only for club activities, events, and administrative expenses.
3. The treasurer must present a financial report at the end of each semester.

#### **Article 8: Amendments**

1. Any member may propose an amendment to the constitution.

2. Amendments require approval from two-thirds of the voting members.
3. Changes must be submitted to the university's club administration.

#### **Article 9: Dissolution**

If the club dissolves, any remaining funds shall be donated to a Sikh charitable organization( Thunder Bay Sikh Society) or Lakehead University's student initiatives.

#### **Article 10: Compliance with University Policies**

The club shall adhere to all Lakehead University policies regarding student organizations.