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LOWCOUNTRY GSA COALITION Agreement

Note: Members of the GSA Coalition may be members of a GSA, LGBTQIA+ and ally middle and high school students at schools that do not have a GSA, and faculty advisors/administrators of GSAs.

Members of the GSA Coalition will receive the benefits of:

1. Ongoing in-school support from We Are Family in the form of school visits and presentations, micro-grants for student groups, college scholarship awards, coalition meetings, and much more!
2. Receiving educational resources from the National GSA Network (must register your club)
3. Interaction with student groups within the Tri-County (Charleston, Berkeley, & Dorchester) region
4. Gaining valuable skills in self-advocacy, leadership, and coalition-building
5. Citing your coalition involvement on applications as student leadership development

MISSION

The Lowcountry GSA Coalition is an association of Gender-Sexuality Alliances (GSAs) in the Charleston Tri-County region committed to generating solidarity through action, by providing inclusive, affirming, and brave spaces for LGBTQIA+ youth within our schools and communities.

VISION

Our vision is to create a world where exploration and expression of identity is celebrated and all LGBTQIA+ people, especially LGBTQIA+ youth, are encouraged to speak and live their truth.

CORE VALUES

Within our organizations and our communities we uphold these values:

1. **Education of Self and Others.** We strive to further educate ourselves and members of our communities on LGBTQIA+ experiences and history. We utilize education as a tool to self-advocate and destigmatize.
2. **Intersectional Justice.** We commit to not only advocating for racial and gender justice, but also acting in solidarity against injustice across multiple identities and experiences, such as class, immigration, and much more!
3. **Community Engagement & Solidarity.** We cultivate relationships within the tri-county area's LGBTQIA+ community by engaging in community service and outreach opportunities. We welcome opportunities to deepen our support of those who we have built relationships with.



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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF GSA COALITION MEMBERS

Role of GSA Members

GSA Members are responsive to calls for assistance and support from other Members. This means they recognize the importance of the work of all Members and are open to sharing their experience and knowledge with other members at quarterly coalition meetings, during monthly activities, and through informal interactions.

Admission of Members

GSAs and individuals interested in joining the coalition will submit the following materials to We Are Family:

- Sign onto this official agreement!
- Lowcountry GSA Coalition - Administrator Survey
- Lowcountry GSA Coalition - Student Pre-Survey