

Young/College Republicans Rule Change

STRIKE "The Oklahoma Federation of Young Republicans shall be allowed twenty (20) delegates to the State Convention. Said delegates will be allocated by the State Executive Committee of the Young Republicans and must be named prior to Republican County Conventions. The Oklahoma Federation of College Republicans shall be allowed at least ten (10) delegates to the State Convention with said delegates being at least eighteen (18) years of age by the time of the State Convention to which they are delegates; and said delegates being a member of the Oklahoma Federation of College Republicans at least one (1) college semester. Delegates who are members of voting auxiliary organizations shall choose whether to vote as an auxiliary delegate or a county delegate." from OKGOP Rule 16(e).

The Republican Party encourages participation from all Republicans.

We are not the Party of open borders.

We have rules that should be consistent for every member.

- **No one is losing delegate votes.** We encourage Young Republicans & College Republicans to be delegates to the convention through their counties.
- **Young Republicans are encouraged to meet.** Mentoring programs that appeal to young adults are a great asset to The Republican Party. Many 2A groups, Mom groups, Women's groups, etc. meet regularly. The participation of all special interest groups that advocate for members and causes are recommended.
- **One certain group does not get privileged treatment.** Where should the line be drawn? Should the elderly be given special delegate votes? The argument could be made that they are not able to get around as easily. Should we give moms special votes? They juggle so much that it would make sense to give them more votes. After all, without moms, none of us would be here. What about veterans? They laid their lives and families on the line for our country.
- **We are working to bring transparency and integrity back to the Republican Party.** To favor one group of people over another creates division.
- **The Young Republicans and College Republicans collectively get more votes than most of the counties of registered voters in Oklahoma.**
- **The Young Republicans is not a group of children.** These are able-bodied adults that share the responsibilities and expectations of other adults. Their group allows members up to the age of 40.
- **This rule change does not require active participation in their counties, though that would be unifying.** This rule change requires members wishing to attend the state convention as delegates to attend 2 meetings a year (one precinct and one county convention) in the years that have conventions. This is not a tall ask.
- **The young people today are the future of society.** Participation trophies do not exist in the real world. It is a disservice to our young people to coddle them with special treatment. We want to arm our young adults with the responsibility expected by every adult to ensure their success as future leaders.
- **The Republican Party is set on principles of hard work and righteousness.** The way we allow delegates to come to convention should be no exception.



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