

PENNSYLVANIA DeMOLAY

Membership Eligibility (Revised 9-21-01)

A. General - "Membership in the Order of DeMolay shall be limited to boys:

1. Who are not yet twenty-one years of age.
2. Who profess a belief in God and Reverence for His Holy Name.
3. Who affirm their loyalty to their country and respect for its flag.
4. Who adhere to the practice of personal morality.
5. Who pledge themselves to uphold the high ideals typified by the seven cardinal virtues in the Crown of Youth.
6. Who accept the philosophy of the Universal Brotherhood of Man and the nobility of character typified by the life and death of Jacques DeMolay."

The above six requirements are outlined in the Sacred Landmarks of the Order of DeMolay, published in the front of the DeMolay International Rules and Regulations.

Additionally, the Rules and Regulations of DeMolay International specify that an application (formerly called a petition) "may be received only from a young man who has passed his twelfth (12) birthday and not yet reached his twenty-first (21) birthday" (315.2) and that he must be "recommended by two (2) members of the Order, or by a Senior DeMolay, or by a Mason. The applicant must be sponsored by a Mason."

All applicants meeting the requirements stated above must be given equal treatment via the balloting procedures as prescribed by Article 15 of the Rules and Regulations of DeMolay International.

B. Discrimination

DeMolay does not express or imply discrimination against its applicants because of their race, creed, color, disability or economic status. Discrimination by any Chapter, Advisory body, Advisor or member of the Order of DeMolay in Pennsylvania will not be tolerated. No Masonic body that sponsors a Chapter of the Order of DeMolay in Pennsylvania would or could condone such discrimination.

Any ballot which has been determined to have been influenced by said discriminatory judgments will be declared null and void, and final election or rejection will rest within the authority of the Executive Officer of the Order of DeMolay in Pennsylvania as provided for in Article 6 of the Rules and Regulations of DeMolay International.

C. Age to Apply for Membership

Chapters in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania may elect to recruit young men at ages higher than the minimum allowed, however it *may not* reject or refuse to accept an application from a young man of legal DeMolay age who has applied for membership solely on the basis of age. Chapter bylaws that are in conflict with this policy are hereby amended to reflect consistency with DeMolay International Rules and Regulations. With all of the promotion and distribution of materials encouraging membership, it would hurt the image of the Order to contradict generally accepted and published eligibility guidelines by refusing to accept an applicant who is of legal age.