

# Correctional Education Association

## External Link Website Policy

- 1. Purpose.** The Correctional Education Association (CEA) website was established to provide information to the public about the organization, its services, activities, policies, and resources. The CEA website is not a forum for debate of public controversies, or a general advertising medium for commercial interests. It is the CEA policy that its website avoids controversy and provides information suitable for viewing by persons of all ages. While CEA will provide links to external websites that qualify under the criteria stated herein, the CEA has no control over, and is not responsible for, the content of any linked external websites.
  
- 2. General.**
  - A. The CEA will allow link only to external websites that are determined to be qualified links;
  - B. The CEA will deny or remove external website links to the CEA website to any person, business or organization that fails to provide all required information or fails to provide truthful information
  - C. The CEA reserves the right to revise this policy without prior notification to linked external websites or their sponsoring entities or organizations, or anyone else, and to discontinue any and all external website links at any time with or without notice.
  
- 3. Qualified Links.** The CEA policy is to limit link to external websites that are owned and /or operated by the following kinds of individuals, entities and organizations:
  - A. Local, state, or federal governmental agencies or local school boards or districts;
  - B. Museums, libraries, historical organizations and similar kinds of established, bona fide organizations that provide cultural resources to members of CEA;
  - C. Maintains an ongoing, direct written contractual relationship with the CEA for the provision of goods or services:
  
- 4. Prohibited Links.** The CEA shall not provide the links to the CEA website for external websites that include, in whole or in part any of the following at any time:
  - A. Websites that are owned or operated by any individual, organization, entity, political party, candidate or special interest group, or their agents, or that are of a political nature that are associated with, sponsored by serving the interests of a candidate or incumbent for elected office, any political party or organizations

supporting or seeking to defeat any candidate for elective office or ballot proposal;

- B. Websites which include the expression of opinion and/or debate on topics of public concern, interest, or controversy, including, but not limited to, religion, politics, philosophy, sports, or arts, regardless of whether or not such information purports to be neutral or present all sides or topic;
- C. Websites that contain any materials that may reasonably be considered scurrilous or offensive. Offensive materials are defined as sexual content or images, slurs against race, religious or political beliefs, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or physical attributes; or
- D. Unless qualified under Section 3, websites that do not maintain an ongoing, direct written contractual relationship with the CEA for the provision of goods or services.

#### **5. Removal of Link.**

The CEA shall remove any link to an external website that does any of the following:

- A. Fails to comply with external website link policy;
- B. If the external website provides or promotes false, slanderous, illegal, immoral or incorrect information.

#### **6. Procedure.**

- A. The application is submitted and sent to the technology committee.
- B. The committee will review the application and approve or deny it within 15 days.
- C. The technology committee chairperson will email the applicant and notify them of the decision made.
- D. Once approved, the link will be published on the website.