

(A) is serving in the Armed Forces; or  
 (B) has served in, or has been honorably discharged from, the Armed Forces; and

(2) she is living in the United States or is a citizen of the United States living outside the United States.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1320; Pub. L. 112-65, §1, Dec. 13, 2011, 125 Stat. 767.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30504 .....	36:945 (1st sentence).	July 14, 1960, Pub. L. 86-653, §5 (1st sentence), 74 Stat. 516.

In clause (1), before subclause (A), the words “(who has given a mother’s care at least since the stepchild was age 13)” are substituted for “(a stepmother eligible for membership in the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., can claim that eligibility only if she has given a mother’s care to the stepchild from the age of thirteen or under)” for clarity and to eliminate unnecessary words.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2011—Par. (1). Pub. L. 112-65, §1(1)(A), substituted “she is a mother (meaning a woman who filled the role of birthmother, adoptive mother, step-mother, foster-mother, grandmother, or legal guardian) of a person who—” for “she is a mother, adoptive mother, or step-mother (who has given a mother’s care at least since the stepchild was age 13) of a son or daughter who—” in introductory provisions.

Par. (1)(B). Pub. L. 112-65, §1(1)(B), struck out “in World War II or the Korean hostilities” after “Armed Forces”.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 112-65, §1(2), inserted “or is a citizen of the United States living outside the United States” before period at end.

§ 30505. Governing body

(a) NATIONAL CONVENTION.—(1) The national convention is the supreme governing authority of the corporation.

(2) The national convention is composed of officers and elected representatives from the States and other local subdivisions of the corporation as provided in the constitution and by-laws. However, the form of government of the corporation must be representative of the membership at large and may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of members or in a self-perpetuating group not representative of the membership at large.

(3) The meetings of the national convention may be held in the District of Columbia or any State, territory, or possession of the United States.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers of the corporation and their manner of selection, term of office, and duties are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1320.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30505(a) .....	36:946.	July 14, 1960, Pub. L. 86-653, §§ 6, 7, 74 Stat. 516.

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES—Continued

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30505(b) .....	36:947.	

In subsection (a)(2), the words “several”, “always”, and “thereof . . . the hands of” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(3), the words “State, territory, or possession of the United States” are substituted for “State or Territory” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

Subsection (b) is substituted for the source provision for consistency in the revised title.

§ 30506. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and by-laws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, employees, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(7) sue and be sued; and

(8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1321.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30506 .....	36:944(2)–(10).	July 14, 1960, Pub. L. 86-653, §4(2)–(10), 74 Stat. 516.

In clause (1), the word “alter” is omitted as included in “amend”. The words “not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or of any State in which the corporation is to operate” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (2), the word “use” is omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (4), the words “make contracts” are substituted for “to contract and be contracted with” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

Clause (5) is substituted for “take by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest from any public body or agency or any private corporation, association, partnership, firm, or individual and to hold absolutely or in trust for any of the purposes of the corporation any property, real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation” and “transfer, convey, lease, sublease, mortgage, encumber and otherwise alienate real, personal, or mixed property” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “subject, however, to applicable provisions of law of any State (A) governing the amount of or kind of property which may be held by, or (B) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of property by, a corporation operating in such State” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (6), the words “for the purpose of the corporation” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property”

are substituted for “issue bonds therefor, and secure the same by mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, or otherwise” for consistency in the revised title. The words “subject in every case to all applicable provisions of Federal and State laws” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (7), the words “complain and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction” are omitted as unnecessary.

**§ 30507. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges**

The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right to use the name “Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.”. The corporation has the exclusive right to use, and to allow others to use, seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1321.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30507 .....	36:956.	July 14, 1960, Pub. L. 86–653, §16, 74 Stat. 518.

The word “sole” is omitted as included in “exclusive”. The words “and no other organization shall use the name ‘Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.’” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “and to allow others to use” are substituted for “or to allow or refuse the use of” for consistency in the revised title. The words “the corporation adopts” are substituted for “as have heretofore been used by the Blue Star Mothers of America” for consistency in the revised title.

**§ 30508. Restrictions**

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or agent as such may not contribute to a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an officer or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the council of administration of the corporation.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an officer or employee. Members of the council of administration who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1321.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30508(a) .....	36:952.	July 14, 1960, Pub. L. 86–653, §§9, 10, 12, 74 Stat. 517.
30508(b) .....	36:950.	
30508(c) .....	36:949(a).	
30508(d) .....	36:949(b).	

In subsection (a), the words “any shares of” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsections (c) and (d), the reference to the “council of administration” is retained although 36:946 and 947 (restated in section 30505 of the revised title) do not create a governing body called a “council of administration.”

In subsection (c), the words “inure to the benefit of” are substituted for “inure to”, and the words “This subsection does not prevent” are substituted for “Nothing in this subsection, however, shall be construed to prevent”, for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (d), the words “or advance” are added in 2 places for consistency in the subsection.

**§ 30509. Principal office**

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1321.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30509 .....	36:948 (1st sentence 1st–14th words).	July 14, 1960, Pub. L. 86–653, §8 (1st sentence 1st–14th words), 74 Stat. 517.

**§ 30510. Records and inspection**

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account; and

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its national conventions and council of administration.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1321.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30510 .....	36:953.	July 14, 1960, Pub. L. 86–653, §13, 74 Stat. 518.

The word “records” is substituted for “books and records” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

In subsection (a), the reference to the “council of administration” is retained although 36:946 and 947 (restated in section 30505 of the revised title) do not create a governing body called a “council of administration.”

**§ 30511. Service of process**

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process, notice, or demand for the corporation. Designation of the agent shall be filed in the office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia or another office designated by the Mayor. Notice to or service on the agent is notice to or service on the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1322.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30511 .....	36:948 (1st sentence 15th–last words, 2d, last sentences).	July 14, 1960, Pub. L. 86–653, §8 (1st sentence 15th–last words, 2d, last sentences), 74 Stat. 517.