

Student Application



Rho Kappa was established to promote scholarship and to recognize excellence among high school students. To encourage interest in, understanding of , and appreciation for the Social studies. The other important component of this organization is to provide service to others.

The Ebenezer Chapter

West Seneca East Senior High School

The West Seneca East Senior High School Social Studies department is proud and excited to offer the invitation to all junior and senior-level students to be a part of an exciting organization that recognizes success in Social Studies. The goal of Rho Kappa is to promote the study of Social Studies, but to also promote the activities associated with the values of the Social Studies such as citizenship, appreciation of the past, and a sense of community. All juniors and seniors that meet the criteria listed below are invited to apply for membership.

Application is due October 26th to Mrs. Welgoss (kwelgoss@wscschools.org).

Grade Point Average

- ❖ 90% Overall GPA (cumulative)
- ❖ 90% GPA in your Social Studies classes (85% for Advanced Placement classes)
- ❖ Mastery (85% and above) on your Social Studies Final Examinations

Credit Requirements

- ❖ You must have completed two (2) Social Studies Courses (Global Studies I, Global Studies II, U.S. History, SUPA Psychology) and earned credits in these courses, and be prepared to complete at least one SUPA or AP social studies class, to apply.

Application Process

Each applicant will complete the attached application. Mrs. Welgoss will be accessing your transcript for grade verification. The completed application will be reviewed by the Rho Kappa Committee, and each applicant will be evaluated based on his or her credentials and character. All Rho Kappa members must be good citizens in the classroom and out of the classroom to be admitted into the Rho Kappa honor society. Candidates must also list two high school teacher references on their application: one high school Social Studies teacher, and one other high school teacher of your choice.

Requirements Once Selected to Become a Member of Rho Kappa

Each member of the Rho Kappa organization will be expected to do the following to maintain membership in Rho Kappa before he or she graduates. All members who fulfill the requirements will earn a CORD upon graduation.

1. **Complete the 5 hour service requirement for each year of membership** (modified 2020)
2. **Participate in one (1) fundraiser (Hershey Candy - February)** (waived 2020)
3. **Maintain the grade requirements in Social Studies courses and overall GPA**
4. **Pay a one-time \$10 membership fee** (owed upon acceptance for national organization)
5. **Attend the Rho Kappa virtual initiation, virtual introductory meeting, and monthly virtual Rho Kappa meetings throughout the year**
6. **Attend one (1) field trip** (waived 2020)

Disqualification/ Removal from Rho Kappa

The following actions or lack of actions will lead to removal of the member from Rho Kappa:

1. Failure to continually meet GPA requirements
2. Failure to complete the service requirement
3. Failure to participate in one (1) fundraiser (waived 2020)
4. Failure to continually meet character requirements in the classroom
5. Failure to attend one (1) field trip (waived 2020)

When will I find out if I've been accepted into Rho Kappa? by October 28th

The following APPLICATION is to be completed and submitted to Mrs. Welgoss by 10/26/20.
(No late applications will be accepted.)

Copy this page and paste in a new Google Doc to be shared with Mrs. Welgoss (kwelgoss@wscschools.org).

West Seneca East Senior Rho Kappa NHS APPLICATION

Date: _____

Directions: Please complete all sections. Do not be modest. Every bit of information can be used by the Rho Kappa Committee to assist with the selection process. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection.

Student's Name _____ Grade: _____

Address _____

Student Home or Cell Phone Number _____

Student email address _____ (this is where acceptance will be sent)

List of Social Studies Courses taken to date:

<u>Title of Course</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>

List of Extracurricular Activities

List all activities in which you have participated. Include non-service clubs, athletic teams, musical groups, etc.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Accomplishments</u>

Leadership Positions Held

List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community, or work activities. If none, write N/A.

<u>Office Held</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Activity</u>

List of Service Activities and Community Service

List service activities and community service in which you have participated. These can be service projects done as a group, whether in or out of school, or done as individual projects performing service.

<u>Service or Community Activity</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Major Accomplishments</u>	<u>Hours/week</u>

Teacher References

Please ask the teachers you choose prior to writing their name down. they will be asked to certify that you have met the criteria of scholarship, leadership, service, and citizenship.

High School Social Studies Teacher Reference: _____

High School Teacher Reference:

Certification

I understand that completing this application does not guarantee selection to Rho Kappa, and that the information presented here is accurate.

student signature

date