

# Social Studies Honor Society Induction Requirements

Advisor: Mrs. McGuinness

Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society is the only national organization for high school juniors and seniors that recognizes excellence in the field of Social Studies. While sophomores may participate in club activities, actual induction does not take place until junior year. The induction ceremony is held in October of the school year.

Each candidate for membership shall be selected into the Comsewogue chapter of Rho Kappa based on the following criteria:

- Have been in attendance at Comsewogue High School for the equivalent of two semesters prior to being considered. (If a special or unique circumstances merit, the high school administration may waive the semester requirement, providing a letter of explanation to the National Advisory Council).
- Have completed four semesters of courses in the field of social studies and be prepared to complete at least eight semesters. The minimum grade point average for these courses is an **unweighted 85**.
- Contribute service to the school through Social Studies related activities such as voting registration drives and honor society supported community service activities. You must have a **minimum of 10 hours per school year, 5 of which must be done by October 1st, and the other 5 done directly for the Social Studies Honor Society before June**.
- **Seniors must complete an additional 7 hours of community service directly with the Social Studies Honor Society to receive a cord.**
- Receive the **recommendation of two teachers, one being a social studies teacher.**
- **Membership dues are \$10**, which will be returned in the event that your application is not accepted. (Check payable to Comsewogue High School) This should accompany your application.

If you would like to be considered for induction into the Social Studies National Honor Society, please complete the information below and return it to Mrs. McGuinness (room 123 or email) with \$10, by June 13th. In addition, please have two teachers complete the recommendation forms below.

Freshman Year Social Studies Final Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Overall GPA \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the requirements for induction into Rho Kappa Honor Society.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

## Recommendation Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Subject \_\_\_\_\_

Average in your class \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Teachers,

On behalf of the above-named student, please give your honest opinion of whether he/she would be a good candidate for the National Social Studies Honor Society. The student should not only be a strong social studies student, but show exemplary character and a genuine enthusiasm for social studies.

This form will remain confidential. It may be returned to me in person, placed in my mailbox, or emailed to me. Please return it before the last day of school.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jay McGuinness

Advisor, Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society

\_\_\_\_\_ I STRONGLY recommend this student.

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this student

\_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT recommend this student

Comments:

---

---

---

## Recommendation Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Subject \_\_\_\_\_

Average in your class \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Teachers,

On behalf of the above-named student, please give your honest opinion of whether he/she would be a good candidate for the National Social Studies Honor Society. The student should not only be a strong social studies student, but show exemplary character and a genuine enthusiasm for social studies.

This form will remain confidential. It may be returned to me in person, placed in my mailbox, or emailed to me. Please return it before the last day of school.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jay McGuinness

Advisor, Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society

\_\_\_\_\_ I STRONGLY recommend this student.

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this student

\_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT recommend this student

Comments:

---

---

---