**Rho Kappa**

Hello Knight!

This letter is to inform you that you have been invited to join Rho Kappa, National Social Studies Honor Society. Rho Kappa is an honor society for the recognition of achievement and excellence in the discipline of social studies at the high school level. Our name RHO KAPPA is taken from two words of Semitic origin. RHO is derived from “resh” meaning “head” and KAPPA is derived from “kapf” which means “palm of the hand.” Both these terms symbolize our firm belief that knowledge without service is useless. Therefore, this organization stresses academic excellence as well as community outreach. Members are expected to maintain an active interest in social science, exhibit expertise through maintaining excellent grades, and participate in outreach programs.

1. **Objectives and Functions:**
	* To promote and recognize scholarship, academic excellence, and interest in the field of Social Studies.
	* To participate in State and National Social Studies competitions.
2. **Membership:**
	* Members must have completed, currently enrolled, or taking this upcoming year one Advanced Placement course in the field of Social Studies.
	* Members must have completed at least four semesters of Social Studies coursework prior to induction and intend to complete at least six semesters prior to graduation from high school.
	* Members must have been enrolled at Monarch High School for at least one semester immediately prior to induction.
	* A member of Rho Kappa who transfers to Monarch High School will be accepted for membership in this chapter upon receiving a letter from his/her former principal. The transfer member must maintain the membership requirements of this chapter to maintain his/her membership.
	* Members must actively participate in the activities of the chapter.
	* Members must maintain an unweighted GPA of 3.0 in Social Studies courses.
	* Members must maintain an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.0.
3. **Meetings:**
	* Meetings will be held at least once a month during the academic year.
	* Attendance at all chapter meetings is mandatory. Sudden illness shall be an acceptable excuse for absence, contingent upon verification by a parent/guardian or doctor. An outside appointment (such as with a doctor), a job, or an athletic competition event shall be an acceptable excuse if the member has notified, in writing, the President, Vice-President, and/or chapter sponsor prior to the meeting.
	* Any member missing three meetings during an academic year will be subject to removal from membership subject to majority vote by the executive board and approval by the chapter sponsor.
4. **Dues and Fees**
	* There shall be an initiation fee of $10.00 due within two meetings of installation. This fee shall be forwarded by the chapter Treasurer to the National Social Studies Honors Society, operated by the National Council for the Social Studies.
	* Annual club dues for individual members shall be set within the first two meetings of the chapter and then an amended set of by-laws shall be submitted containing statement of said dues, pending approval by school administration.

**Rho Kappa Membership:**

 If you are receiving this letting, this means you have been recommended by a Social Studies Teacher at Monarch High. If you would like to join Rho Kappa, please complete and turn in the application at the Rho Kappa Meeting on May 17th in room 536 to Ms. Edwards. Please note that this letter is extended to those who meet the criteria listed above. Prior to the induction ceremony in fall, all criteria (AP enrollment, GPA, sponsorship) will be checked. If the below information is false, then you will be excused from Rho Kappa. If you have any questions you would like to ask before continuing with the application, please feel free to visit Ms. Edwards in room 536 before school or during either lunch.

**Rho Kappa Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_

* List all Social Studies courses taken:

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| **Title of course:** | **Grade (1st & 2nd Semester)** | **Teacher:** |
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* Unweighted Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Faculty Sponsors: You are required to get two Social Studies teachers to endorse you.

If sponsors wish to make additional comments, they are encouraged to e-mail Ms. Edwards

1. Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

1. Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

* Applicants must type a minimum of one-page (12 point font, double spaced) paper and attach it to their application explaining their main interest in the Social Studies field, what makes them passionate about this subject area, and what they hope to gain from this organization.

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

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have read the information provided by my child on this form, and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete in its presentation.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**This application must be hand delivered to Ms. Edwards (room 536) on May 17th at the Rho Kappa Meeting.**