**Student Council Application – Class of 2023**

***Due Thursday, September 26 by 2:45 p.m.***

**In order to be considered for the 2019-2020 Student Council, you need to complete the following application in its entirely and email it to Mrs. Tumser (**[**jtumser@mcnhs.org**](mailto:jtumser@mcnhs.org)**) no later than 2:45p.m. on Thursday,**

**September 26.**

REMINDER: You will earn points for your application. These points will be added to the points you will earn through the election that will take place on Thursday, October 3. The 10 candidates with the highest total points will be appointed as representatives of their class. The 10 representatives will then determine via discernment and voting who will serve as the Class President, Vice President, and Secretary. For further details, consult the [Student Council Bylaws](#bylaws). **No late applications will be accepted.**

**NAME:**

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS** Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Many of the questions have several parts. Be sure to address all parts of the question.

1. In your opinion, what is the purpose of a Student Council in a school? What does being a member of Student Council mean?

*Type your answer here. You are not confined to this space.*

1. Why do you want to be a member of Student Council? What do you plan to accomplish? What do you hope to gain?

*Type your answer here. You are not confined to this space.*

1. If you were a member of Student Council at your previous school, describe in detail the role you played. What did you do to be a productive member? What talents or leadership skills did you utilize? What did you do well that you are proud of? In what ways could you have been a more productive member / stronger leader?

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If you were not a member of Student Council at your previous school, name a group or organization that you were a part of. Describe in detail the role you played in that group or organization. What did you do to be a productive member? What talents or leadership skills did you utilize? In what ways could you have been a more productive member / stronger leader?

*Type your answer here. You are not confined to this space.*

1. Name a disappointment, struggle, or difficulty you have faced at McNicholas so far this year. What could Student Council do to keep others from experiencing this in the future?

*Type your answer here. You are not confined to this space.*

1. Name a successful, motivating, or positive experience you had at McNicholas so far this year. What could Student Council do to create or encourage similar experiences for others in the future?

*Type your answer here. You are not confined to this space.*

1. Student leaders show qualities that distinguish them from others. What makes you unique? Why do you stand out in a crowd? What distinguishes you from other candidates and peers who also have strong leadership potential?

*Type your answer here. You are not confined to this space.*

1. Is there anything else that you would like to add?

*Type your answer here. You are not confined to this space.*

**CANDIDATE PROFILE** Write a paragraph of no more than 200 words that will serve as your candidate profile. Candidate profiles will be complied and sent to your classmates prior to the election to help them to get to know you and your fellow candidates. They will also be displayed the week before the election. This is your opportunity to tell your classmates why you want to represent them via Student Council, what skills/talents you will bring to the position, and what ideas you have to improve McNicholas. Be sure to give it a personal touch as well by including hobbies, interests, or favorites.

*Type your answer here. You are limited to 200 words.*

**HONOR CODE** Sign below to indicate that you have read the [Student Council Honor Code](#honorcode) and that you understand and agree to the expectations of Student Council.

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**BYLAWS** Sign below to indicate that you have read the [Student Council Bylaws](#bylaws) and that you understand and agree to the rules of Student Council.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS** Print out two copies of the [Recommendation Form](#recommendation). Write your name on the candidate line and personally ask two members of the McNicholas faculty/staff to fill out the recommendation for you. They should return the forms to Mrs. Tumser no later than September 26. List the names of the faculty/staff members you have asked below.

Recommendation #1 :

Recommendation #2 :

**McNicholas High School Student Council**

***Honor Code***

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.” - Mark 10:45

1. We are a Christian / Catholic organization with Christ as our model for leadership.
   1. Jesus set the example of leadership when he humbled himself at the feet of men.
   2. Jesus did not consider himself to be better than anyone, but considered everyone worthy of love and praise.
   3. Jesus never thought any work too small for him; he did the dirtiest, lousiest jobs of all. And he did them before anyone else would.
   4. Jesus did not seek praise for his work; instead, he received praise only because of the work he did.

“But the greatest among you shall be your servant.” - Matthew 23:11

“It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love…” - Galatians 5:13, 14

1. We lead by serving first.
   1. As a member of Student Council, you will represent your peers.
   2. We do not do what *we* feel is best. Instead, we listen to others.
   3. Our main goal is to empower the student body.

“ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility,

value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests

but each of you to the interests of the others.”

~Philippians 2:1-4

“A leader must be above reproach.” - 1 Timothy 3:1-2

1. We are to be Christ-like in our actions.
   1. The following is unacceptable behavior and will result in permanent dismal from Student Council:
      1. Consumption of alcohol / illegal drugs
      2. Ineligibility
      3. Academic Dishonesty
      4. Failure to attend meetings / tardiness to meetings
      5. Failure to follow through on assigned tasks
      6. Inexcusable behavior – Any other behavior by a member that undermines the organization’s credibility and the moderator/administration

The goal of Student Council is to better the student body of McNicholas. We do this by setting a good example. As Ghandi said, “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” If you feel that you cannot live by the standards required to be in Student Council, please, do not apply. I will not hesitate to remove anyone from Student Council. You will be held accountable.

**McNicholas High School Student Council**

***Bylaws***

1. Structure of the Council
2. Student Council is made up of 10 representatives of each class: a Class President, Vice President, Secretary, and seven Homeroom Representatives. It is led by an additional member of the senior class who serves as the Student Council President.
3. The Student Council President is the figurehead of the organization and is held to the highest of standards. He/She will be called upon to be the “face” of Student Council and to represent the student body. He/She is to take this position very seriously and approach his/her office with professionalism and a sense of responsibility.
4. The Student Council President prepares the agenda for and runs full-council meetings and attends monthly PTSA meetings.
5. Class Presidents are the main liaison between the council, the faculty/staff, and the administration. They run class meetings for their respective classes, spearhead class projects, and hold themselves and their class representatives accountable.
6. Vice Presidents assist the Class Presidents, keep attendance records, and maintain finances.
7. Secretaries are responsible for the written communication that takes place within the council and between the council and the student body. This includes but is not limited to meeting minutes, announcements, emails, and the Student Council chalk board.
8. Fundraising Committee Representatives will help acquire new and well thought out fundraising efforts. The committee will spearhead these events with help from other representative.
9. Spirit Committee Representatives will help implement spirit throughout the McNicholas High School community. They will help with pep rallies, and other activities throughout the school year.
10. Homeroom Representatives should be willing to meet during advisory times to go over upcoming events around the McNicholas community.
11. Appointment to the Council
    1. 10 representatives for each class will be chosen via a point system. Candidates will earn points for their application materials, votes, GPA and absences.
    2. The 10 candidates (12 for seniors) with the highest points will be appointed as representatives of their class.
    3. The 10 representatives (12 for seniors), overseen by the Student Council moderator, will then determine via discernment and voting who will serve as the Student Council President (seniors only), Class President, Vice President, and Secretary. The remaining representatives will serve as Homeroom Representatives.
    4. If a decision cannot be met via discernment and voting, the representative with the highest number of points from the Application/Voting Procedure will be appointed to the office in question.
    5. In order to serve as Student Council President or Senior Class President, a candidate must have been a member of Student Council during his/her junior year.
    6. Any student applying for Student Council must be academically eligible during the time of application/appointment.
    7. Students must submit the following in order to be eligible for consideration:
       1. Application
       2. Signed Honor Code
       3. Signed Bylaw Document
       4. Two letters of recommendation from faculty/staff members, to be handed in without student review (new members only)
    8. Any student who receives one poor recommendation will not be considered for Student Council.
    9. Any student who fails to complete any of the aforementioned requirements will not be considered for Student Council.
    10. The Student Council Moderator has last say in adjusting the council structure to have more or less students per grade dependent upon council and grade level need.
12. Application / Voting Procedures
13. Application and Voting for sophomore, junior, and senior representatives will occur during April/May for the following year. Application and Voting for freshmen representatives will occur during September/October for the current year.
14. Application materials are due to the Student Council moderator on the date assigned. Students who fail to meet the application deadline will not be added to the ballot.
15. Candidates will submit a candidate profile as part of their application materials. Each member of the student body will receive a copy of the candidate profiles for their class prior to voting.
16. Candidates are encouraged to campaign. They may begin campaigning one week prior to the election. Any campaigning before the given date will disqualify that student from Student Council consideration.
17. All campaigning materials must be approved by the Student Council moderator before they are posted.
18. Each member of the student body is entitled to vote in the election for their class.
19. The official vote and point totals will not be made available to any student or parent at McNicholas High School.
20. All applications and votes will be kept by the Student Council moderator for one year.
21. Eligibility
    1. Any student will be permanently excused from Student Council for the following reasons:
       1. Ineligibility – All students are expected to remain eligible at all times throughout the school year.
       2. Drugs or Alcohol violation – Any student caught abusing drugs or alcohol under any circumstances will be removed from Student Council.
       3. Academic Dishonesty – Any student who is caught cheating on any assignment is no longer eligible for Student Council.
       4. Failure to attend – Any student failing to meet the attendance requirements (see below).
       5. Failure to follow through – Students are expected to complete all assignments for which they volunteer.
       6. Inexcusable behavior – Any other behavior by a member that undermines the organization’s credibility will result in removal. Any behavior that undermines the request of the Student Council moderator and/or administration will be cause for student to be permanently excused.
22. Attendance
    1. Members are expected to attend all Student Council meetings.
    2. Members are expected to show up to meetings on time.
    3. Any student missing **more than two meetings** per quarter or consistently showing up late to meetings will forfeit their spot on the council.
    4. Members are expected to assist with and attend all Student Council-planned events.
23. Meetings
    1. Meetings will occur on a weekly basis.
    2. Meetings will be held on Tuesday mornings, beginning at 7:10 a.m.
    3. Additional meetings may be called as needed (such as prior to an event). The Student Council President and at least one representative from each grade need to be present at such meetings.

**Student Council Recommendation**

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out the following as honestly as possible and return to Jenni Tumser no later than September 26.**

1. On a scale of 1-6, rate the candidate using the following criteria.

1=Poor, 2=Below Average, 3=Average, 4=Above Average, 5=Excellent

6=Outstanding (use sparingly for those who really stand out), NA= not observed

1 2 3 4 5 6 NA Works well with others

1 2 3 4 5 6 NA Demonstrates responsibility

1 2 3 4 5 6 NA Positively influences others

1 2 3 4 5 6 NA Shows initiative

1 2 3 4 5 6 NA Is trustworthy and demonstrates follow-through

2) What concerns do you have about this candidate for Student Council?

1. Do you recommend this student for Student Council? Why or why not?

Name of Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_