



**Harrison High School**  
**Rho Kappa**  
**Social Studies Honor Society**  
**General Information and**  
**Application**

**Purpose:** Rho Kappa is the only national organization that recognizes scholarship, leadership and service in the social studies. Founded in 2011, the organization recognizes high school juniors and seniors that are outstanding students, and who possess and interest, understanding and appreciation for the social studies.

**Eligibility:** Candidates for membership should meet ALL of the criteria below:

- Must be a high school junior or senior
- Have attended Harrison High School for the equivalent of one semester
- Have completed or be prepared to complete 3 core social studies courses  
(Note: Core courses include World History, U.S. History and Government/Economics)
- Have completed or be prepared to complete at minimum 5 Social Studies courses in all, 2 must be Advanced Placement level (Note: Honors Government/Economics=1 course, AP Govt/Econ=2 courses, AP Humanities=2 courses with 1 AP and 1 Honors level)
- **In order to apply** for membership, **juniors** must have completed 3 Social Studies courses previously. In order for **seniors** to apply, seniors must have completed 4 Social Studies courses previously. Both must still meet the end requirement of a minimum of 5 Social Studies courses in all with 2 being Advanced Placement level.
- Must possess a 3.75 unweighted GPA in SS coursework
- Must possess a cumulative GPA of 3.75 weighted
- Must demonstrate active participation in a Harrison High School SS club/organization  
(SS clubs/organizations: Model UN, Mock Trial, History Club, Political Converse, Psychology Club)
- Have participated in activities that demonstrate civic engagement and/or service activities in the school or community
- Be in good standing with administration and staff at Harrison High School (no ISS, OSS or cheating offenses)

**Applications and transcripts for new members are due to Mrs. Melissa Jones by Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. A mandatory induction ceremony will be held in the spring. Further communication regarding the ceremony will be sent to inductees.**

**Maintaining Membership:** Candidates inducted into Rho Kappa are expected to meet the following minimum requirements:

- Continue to meet all eligibility requirements noted above
- Attend the Rho Kappa Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- Pay annual dues of \$40
- Attendance at 3 of the 4 yearly meetings (2 will be held each semester)
- Participate in 3 hours of civic engagement activities each year  
(Activities include, but are not limited to: attending City Council, County Commission, School Board, or Town Hall Meetings; serve as a legislative page or intern; be active in neighborhood or community organizations such as HOA; serve as a poll worker on Election Day; volunteer on a voter registration drive)
- Complete 1 service project each year  
(Activities include, but are not limited to: collecting donations for a local soup kitchen, helping veterans, volunteering at a historic site, hosting a book drive)

**Seniors will need to submit an updated application and unofficial transcript, meeting all eligibility requirements, by March 21<sup>st</sup> to receive their honor cord.**



**Social Studies Club/Organization Involvement:**

- Mock Trial
- Political Converse
- Model UN
- Psychology Club
- History Club

**Civic Engagement Activities: (including but not limited to attending City Council or School Board meetings, serving as a legislative intern, be active in neighborhood HOA, serving as a poll worker on Election Day, etc.)**

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**Service Activities: (including but not limited to assisting at a soup kitchen, helping veterans, hosting a book drive, etc.)**

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**We, the student and parent/guardian, have read and fully understand the rules and regulations that must be met and maintained if chosen as a member of Rho Kappa. We understand these requirements must also be met for the student to wear the Rho Kappa Honor Cord at graduation.**

**Printed Name Of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Procedures:**

1. Complete application
2. Attach unofficial transcript
3. Obtain signature from your administrator

**I verify that \_\_\_\_\_ (student name-first and last) is in good standing with Harrison administration and has no cheating offenses or suspensions (ISS or OSS) as a student.**

**Administrator Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_