

APPLICATION FOR DESOTO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Student Council

Date of Application _____

Office Use Only

Application for position of: _____

Executive Positions (all executive position application must have been an active officer on Student Council for the 2016-2017 school year):

- Executive President (must be a Senior and must have been on SC 2016-2017)
- Executive Vice-President (must be a Senior and must have been on SC 2016-2017)
- Executive Secretary/Treasurer
- Executive Communication Coordinator

Class Freshmen/Sophomore/Junior/Senior

- President (Senior Class President must have been on SC for 2016-2017)
- Vice-President
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Representative
- Communication Coordinator

What grade will you be in **next year**? _____

Name _____

Cell Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

Parent(s) Information:

Mother's Name _____

Cell Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

Work Phone # _____

Father's Name _____

Cell Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

Work Phone # _____

SCHOOL CLUBS/ ORGANIZATIONS/ SPORTS INVOLVEMENT: (List leadership positions held.) _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: (Give details.)

HONORS RECEIVED:

DCHS Student Council Election Application

Student Council is a wonderful opportunity to act as a role model and to be a leader. In SC, you will be involved in planning Homecoming, Prom, and other events/fundraisers, while having fun at the same time!

Student Council members' ultimate responsibility is to represent the voice of the student body. Members will need to communicate effectively with their classmates through not only face to face communication, but also by creating social media accounts: set up Remind, Twitter, Snapchat, GoogleForms, Polls, etc. Social media **MUST** be handled in a respectful manner and **MUST** be used efficiently. Students must be active members every year they are elected. If a student is not active during his/her position, he/she will not be eligible for reelection and/or can be removed from his/her current office.

Candidates must do the following:

- possess good disciplinary record/grades/teacher recommendations
- possess strong leadership skills
- possess strong communication skills
- be mindful of social media and represent DCHS in a positive manner

Seniors must be active in order to earn a cord for graduation.

If you choose to run for SC and are elected, you must be prepared to do the following:

- attend meetings (every other Friday at 7:50 A.M. Additional meetings will be announced.)
- participate in planning Homecoming and Prom
- participate in fundraising activities
- participate and contribute to activities that may be held before or after school
- maintain passing grades and acceptable conduct each grading period
- maintain regular attendance

In order to run for any office, candidates must complete the following:

1. Permission form signed by candidate and parent
2. (3) teacher recommendations, (1) sponsor of a club/or sport (coach), and (1) counselor must be completed and returned with SC application
3. **One PAGE Essay** titled "My Ideas for Student Council 2016-2017" completed and returned with SC application
4. 25 signatures of students in your grade level and (3) teacher/staff signatures that will support the candidate's campaign.

Rules for Posters

1. Hanging posters around the school is encouraged. The purpose of the posters is to inform peers of the candidate's abilities to fulfill the duties of an SC member. Posters will be presented in a professional manner. A catchy phrase will help students remember candidates.
2. Nothing should be distributed that would be a disruption to the normal school day.
3. Abide by all policies and procedures in the student handbook. (ex. no profanity or implied inappropriate/gang/drug related)
4. SC candidates for executive positions will be required to give a speech on Jag TV.

- **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE SPONSORS/TEACHERS ENVELOPES FOR EVALUATION FORMS.** Be sure to give them plenty of time to complete evaluation forms. **YOU MUST PICK THEM UP FROM THESE SPONSORS/TEACHERS. SPONSORS/TEACHERS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TURNING THEM IN TO MRS. WOOLEY.** Evaluations forms must be sealed and signed across the envelope.
- **YOU MUST FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS.**
- **Students who do not return applications with all four (4) teacher/sponsor evaluations in individually sealed envelopes WILL NOT be considered for a Student Council position.**

DEADLINE: Mrs. Wooley (room B20) NO LATER THAN February 21, 2017.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, February 1, 2017	applications available (online/front office)
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Thursday/Friday March 8-10, 2017	place posters around the school
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Friday, March 24, 2017	all posters removed by 3:30 P.M.

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Executive President

Criteria

- member of the senior class
- active member (2016-2017)
- member of senior class
- good disciplinary record
- good grades (2.5 GPA minimum)
- good teacher recommendations
- strong leadership skills
- strong communication skills
- mindful of social media
- represent DCHS in a positive manner

Responsibilities

- plan meetings accordingly
- set an example with no unexcused absences while president
- create an agenda for Student Council meetings
- preside over meetings in an orderly manner
- respect the ideas of all Student Council members
- communicate ideas with the student body
- meet with Class Presidents to help organize class meetings
- meet with Freshman class to help with Homecoming preparations

Executive Vice-President

Criteria

- member of the senior class
- active member (2016-2017)
- good disciplinary record
- good grades (2.5 GPS minimum)
- good teacher recommendations
- strong leadership skills
- strong communication skills
- mindful of social media
- represent DCHS in a positive manner

Responsibilities

- help plan meetings accordingly
- set an example with no unexcused absences while Executive Vice President
- preside over class meetings if Executive President is unable to attend meeting
- support and work together with the Executive President
- respect the ideas of all student council members
- communicate ideas with the student body
- keep attendance records in order
- send probation notices to members with 2 absences

Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Criteria

- active member (2016-2017)
- good disciplinary record/grades/teacher recommendations
- strong leadership skills
- strong communication skills
- mindful of social media
- represent DCHS in a positive manner

Responsibilities

- help plan meetings
- record meeting minutes/budget information in the Student Council binder
- communicate with class secretaries
- obtain a copy of all class meeting minutes

Executive Communications Coordinator

Criteria

- active member (2016-2017)
- good disciplinary record
- good grades (2.5 GPA minimum)
- good teacher recommendations
- strong leadership skills
- strong communication skills
- mindful of social media
- represent DCHS in a positive manner

Responsibilities

- must communicate with all Communication Coordinators about meetings, activities, responsibilities
- must create and maintain social media: Remind, Twitter, Snapchat, GoogleForms, Polls, etc.

CLASS OFFICERS

All class officers must meet the following criteria:

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Class President(s)

Responsibilities; Senior Class president must have been an active member on Student Council previous year. (2016-2017)

- set an example with no unexcused absences while Class President
- plan meetings with Class Sponsor(s) and other class officers
- delegate responsibilities for Homecoming preparations (float, crash signs, etc.)
- create an agenda for Class meetings
- attend all class meetings
- must be a member of the class in which they seek
- (Senior Class President works with Ms. Benson to coordinate distribution of senior jerseys.)

Class Vice-President(s)

Responsibilities

- plan meetings with Class Sponsor(s) and other class officers
- set an example with no unexcused absences while Class Vice President
- preside over class meetings if Class President is unable to attend meetings
- support and work together with the Class President
- respect the ideas of all Student Council members
- communicate ideas with the student body
- keep attendance records in order
- send probation notices to members with 2 absences for class meetings
- help delegate responsibilities for Homecoming preparations (float, crash signs, etc.)
- help create an agenda for Class meetings

Secretary/Treasurer(s)

Responsibilities

- help plan meetings class meetings
- record meeting minutes/budget information in the Class Meeting folder
- communicate with class secretaries and obtain a copy of all class meeting minutes
- help Class Sponsors create purchase requisitions for class supplies (Homecoming, etc.)

Class Communications Coordinator(s)

Responsibilities

- must communicate with other Communication Coordinators about meetings, activities, responsibilities
- must create and maintain social media: Remind, Twitter, Snapchat, GoogleForms, Polls, etc.
- must communicate effectively with fellow class officers

Membership Requirements

Members are expected to be present at all meetings.

- Probation after 2 absences.

Members are expected to be active and participate in ALL Student Council activities.

- Probation after 1 major missed activity

Members are expected to maintain a 2.5 GPA minimum.

- Probation after GPA drop identified.

Members are expected to maintain a good discipline record.

- Probation and/or removal for disciplinary referrals that affect discipline record while serving office.

Members are expected to be mindful of the use of social media.

- Probation and/or removal for questionable use. (pictures, posts, etc.)

Student Council Application
STUDENT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION FORM
STUDENT COUNCIL 2017-2018

(MUST BE FROM CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR)

**If you cannot get this back to the student by the deadline, please let him/her know so he/she can get someone else.*

STUDENT NAME _____

SPONSOR/COACH/COUNSELOR NAME: _____

CLUB/SPORT: _____

Please rank characteristics with (1) being POOR and (5) being EXCEPTIONAL.

USES TIME WISELY 1 2 3 4 5

FLEXIBLE AND ABLE TO ACCEPT CHANGE 1 2 3 4 5

OFTEN HELPS OTHERS (I.E. TEACHERS, PEERS) 1 2 3 4 5

GIVES OTHERS CREDIT AND PRAISE 1 2 3 4 5

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SHOWS RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY FIGURES 1 2 3 4 5

OVERALL LEADERSHIP ABILITY 1 2 3 4 5

WOULD BE A GOOD MENTOR 1 2 3 4 5

GIVE AT LEAST ONE STRENGTH:

GIVE ANY WEAKNESS YOU'VE OBSERVED:

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Student Council Application Cover Letter and Checklist

Name: _____

Date Turned in: _____

Checklist (in this order):

Turn in your application in THIS order.

1. Cover letter/checklist (this sheet)
2. Application filled out completely
3. Permission form signed by parents and candidate
4. Petition containing 25 student signatures and 3 teacher/staff signatures
5. One PAGE essay TITLED "My Interest in being a Candidate for Student Council"
MLA format
6. One (1) sponsor/coach evaluation form (must be from 2016 - 2017 school year)
Three (3) teacher evaluation forms (must be from 2016 - 2017 school year)
One (1) counselor evaluation
(All five evaluation forms in five separate, sealed and signed across envelopes supplied by candidate.)

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Student Council Member Petition

I, _____ am running for the position of _____ for the 2017– 2018 school year.

Do you feel I exhibit the qualities necessary for a leadership position, such as responsibility, self-discipline, honesty, and loyalty?

If you do, please sign below. Thank you!

25 people in my grade level

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| 1. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 20. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 21. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 22. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 23. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 24. _____ |
| 12. _____ | 25. _____ |
| 13. _____ | |

3 teacher of staff who support my campaign

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Parent/Student Commitment

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that I have read the guidelines and understand that once accepted as a member of the DCHS Student Council, I must maintain passing grades in all courses, present myself as role model, and participate in Student Council activities. I agree that all information listed on this application is correct.

I, _____, agree to meet the all expectations for the duration of my position in DCHS Student Council. I understand that if I fail to meet any expectations, I will be dismissed from my position.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

I have read all the Student Council guidelines. My child has permission to run for DCHS Students Council.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____