



## Rho Kappa Social Studies Scholarship Application Evaluation Rubric Guidelines

Thank you for your participation in the evaluation of Rho Kappa Social Studies Scholarship Applications. Please use the following guidelines as you review your application packets. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [rhokappa@ncss.org](mailto:rhokappa@ncss.org).

- ★ Please be sure to complete **all** fields to the best of your ability.
- ★ Rho Kappa Chapter **must** be current in its membership dues with the National Council for the Social Studies.
- ★ Applicants **must** be a current **senior** that is graduating in this school year.
- ★ Please place a **check** next to Letters of Recommendation after you received and reviewed it. *Please evaluate a student's letters of recommendation with consideration. Not all recommenders permit students to view the letter of recommendation. While it is believed a student should select persons that will positively speak on their behalf, again, the product is somewhat out of the student's control.*
- ★ Please use the "Outstanding" grading scores with discretion. These scores should be reserved for students' applications that you believe, as a reviewer, stand out above the other candidates.
- ★ Please use the comments section to justify your "Outstanding" scores with 50-75 words or less.
- ★ Please submit **one** application for your chapter. If we receive more than one application **neither** applications will be considered. Applications **must** be submitted by the **Rho Kappa Chapter Advisor**.
- ★ Prior to reviewing the applications at your local chapter, please create a committee to review applications. Committee may include but not limited to teachers, administrators, school counselors, support staff, etc. Number of members on the committee may vary for each chapter.
- ★ **Tie breaking must be decided by the chapter before the applicant is pushed forward to the national level.** In case of a tie, please collaborate with your judging committee and consider alternative options to decide which applicant will represent your chapter. Alternative options may include but not limited, quality of letter of recommendation, review of comments, quality of overall civic engagement, participation within the organization, etc.



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

Name of Evaluator of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Letter of Recommendation

<b>Outstanding (6-8 Points)</b>	<b>Commendable (3-5 Points)</b>	<b>Not Yet (0-2 Points)</b>
Responds to the prompt with <b>thorough</b> explanation and with genuine dedication to the civic project.	Responds to <b>most</b> aspects of the prompt with thorough explanation and with genuine dedication to the civic project.	Responds to <b>some</b> aspects of the prompt in a limited way to the civic project.
Reveals something <b>unique or distinct</b> about the civic project; gives relevant examples and shares personal experiences and its impact on the greater community.	Reveals something <b>interesting</b> about the civic project; gives relevant examples, and shares personal experiences and its impact on the greater community.	Reveals <b>limited engagement</b> in the civic project; does not give relevant examples, and does not share personal experiences and its impact on the greater community.
<b>Earned Points</b> _____	<b>Earned Points</b> _____	<b>Earned Points</b> _____

Comments: