

## RHO KAPPA of GLEN ROCK HIGH SCHOOL



### **Article 1. Purpose**

Section 1. The purpose of this organization is to promote scholarship in and enjoyment and understanding of social studies among high school students.

### **Article 2. Rho Kappa of Glen Rock High School Chapter**

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be Rho Kappa of Glen Rock High School.

### **Article 3. Sponsor**

Section 1. The organization shall at all times have a designated sponsor.

Section 2. The national treasurer **must** be kept informed of the current sponsor's name, email address, and the school's address.

### **Article 4. Membership**

Section 1. Students are classified as members at high schools.

Section 2. Members are high school students in grades 11 through 12.

Section 3. Active members shall demonstrate an ability to work with others, to conduct research and inquiry in the field of social studies and shall possess qualities of industry, initiative, and reliability as they pertain to academic excellence.

Section 4. Active members shall also exhibit a genuine interest in, and enthusiasm for, social studies scholarship and topics.

Section 5. Active members shall contribute service to the high school or the community in which the chapter resides at the direction and discretion of the school's principal and the chapter's sponsor.

Section 6. Any current Rho Kappa member in good standing who transfers to another high school and brings a letter of verification from their former principal or chapter sponsor to the new school shall be automatically accepted as a member into the new school's chapter.

Section 7. No student will be denied membership on account of race, religion, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual preference and/or physical disability.

### **Article 5. Application for Membership**

For **member induction**, students who have completed the following will be able to apply:

- A minimum of two full year Social Studies courses at Glen Rock High School
- Membership in RHO KAPPA is an honor bestowed upon a student for their accomplishments in the field of social studies and overall academic achievement.
  - Earned a 3.85 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in all Social Studies courses
  - Have an overall unweighted cumulative GPA of at least 3.30 (on a 4.0 scale).
  - Have been in attendance at Glen Rock High School for the equivalent of one semester prior to being considered (If a special or unique circumstances merit, the high school administration may waive the semester requirement, providing a letter of explanation to the National Advisory Council).
  - Show participation in activities that demonstrate civic engagement in school or community and their desire and aspiration to be a member of the organization (as demonstrated via the written response).

### **Article 6. Officers**

Section 1. The chapter officers shall be the following: **president, vice-president, secretary, and the treasurer.**

Section 2. Election of officers shall take place during the final regular spring meeting. Only members registered with the National Office are eligible to run for office.

Section 3. The term of office is one school year.

### **Article 7. Duties of Officers**

Section 1. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the chapter. He or she shall preside at all business sessions, and it shall be the duty of the president to direct the activities of the organization.

Section 2. The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president at times when the president is absent, and shall also serve as program chairman.

Section 3. The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings. He or she may, with the approval of the sponsor, help to submit the names of new members to the National Office **within one month** of initiation.

Section 4. The treasurer may, with the approval of the sponsor, help the chapter sponsor to collect initiation fees for the chapter and shall maintain an accurate record of financial transactions. Initiation fees include the National initiation fee (\$5). Fees include national organization registration, official certificate, and graduation chord.

Section 5. The officers shall serve, with the sponsor, as the Executive Committee and Induction Committee, having authority to transact all routine business and to plan the Induction Ceremony, as needed.

## **Article 8. Emblems**

Section 1. Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the Rho Kappa insignia (buttons, pins, charms, patches, medallions, tassels, or t-shirts) available from the National Office and honor cords or tassels at graduation.

## **Article 9. Duties of Membership**

Annually, members must:

- Maintain an overall 3.5 unweighted GPA in all classes and overall unweighted 3.85 GPA in Social Studies classes, including college level courses (designated with AP or college course numbers.)
- Maintain a clear disciplinary record, including plagiarism violations.
- Maintain active participation as a citizen of Glen Rock High School.
- Participate in Rho Kappa service projects as directed by the sponsor and chapter officers.
- Attend all mandatory meetings.

## **Article 10. Removal of Members**

Section 1. Members who fall below the required standards that were used as the basis of membership selection shall be provided one written warning from the chapter sponsor. The member shall have a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency prior to removal proceedings beginning.

Section 2. In the event that a serious violation of school rules/policies or civil laws has occurred, the chapter sponsor and school administration may forgo the written warning.

Section 3. In the case of impending removal proceedings, the member has the right to request a formal hearing before the chapter sponsor and the school administration. This request must be made in writing by the member in question two weeks prior to the hearing being set.

Section 4. A removed member may be reinstated into the local chapter when the faculty sponsor and school administration determine that the removed member qualifies for reinstatement. Such members must reapply.

Section 5. The chapter sponsor shall notify the National Rho Kappa Advisory Council promptly of any member dismissals and any member reinstatements.

Section 6. The National Rho Kappa Advisory Council shall hear no appeals in the cases of membership removal and shall respect the decision of each local chapter regarding their membership.