

# Main Four Staff Application - Advanced Journalism

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

Grade NEXT YEAR (circle one): 09    10    11    12

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*You are required to submit recommendation forms to 2 of your current teachers (one must be your English teacher).

Have you done this?

Please list their names here:

Complete the questions below. If a question asks about your experience and you have none in the area, it does not automatically mean you cannot join the class. We have students with all experience levels.

1. List any experience you have in school publications or journalism:

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2. List any experience you have in photography:

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3. List any extracurricular activities in which you plan to participate during the summer and the '24-'25 school year:

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4. List any friends you have who are currently on the Main Four staff:

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5. Why should you be selected as a member of the '24-'25 Main Four staff? What specific qualities make you an ideal staff member?

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6. Describe a stressful situation you experienced. How did you deal with the stress? What was the outcome?

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7. What is the key to success when working with other people? How do you ensure success when you are assigned group projects?

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8. What is your strongest asset? Give an example of how that has helped you in a specific situation.

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9. What is your weakest quality? How have you improved your performance in this area? What do you plan to do to keep improving?

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**FINAL STEPS:**

- 1) ATTACH ONE PIECE OF WRITING, PHOTOGRAPHY, OR GRAPHIC DESIGN TO THIS APPLICATION. **TURN IN THIS APPLICATION AND SAMPLE TO MS. CARPANI IN ROOM L-2 OR IN THE MAIN OFFICE MAILBOX. \*Writing can be from a former class, something personal, an essay, creative, or whatever writing piece you are most proud of.**
- 2) HAND OUT THE TWO ATTACHED TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORMS TO TWO OF YOUR TEACHERS.

**TEACHERS: PLEASE RETURN THEM TO MS. CARPANI IN ROOM L-2 OR IN THE MAIN OFFICE MAILBOX.**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: MARCH 15TH**

Thank you for your interest in joining the Main Four Newspaper (Advanced Journalism) Class!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE STOP BY ROOM L-2 OR EMAIL MS. CARPANI AT [CARPANIV@HOWELLSCHOOLS.COM](mailto:CARPANIV@HOWELLSCHOOLS.COM).

# Teacher's Recommendation - Main Four Staff

(student fills out this top part and gives the form to the teacher)

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

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Subject \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the space that best describes this student.

1. Ability to meet assigned deadlines

\_\_\_\_\_ Almost Always \_\_\_\_\_ Often \_\_\_\_\_ Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ Rarely

(turns in homework, assignments, projects on time)

2. Stays on task when given an assignment

\_\_\_\_\_ Almost Always \_\_\_\_\_ Often \_\_\_\_\_ Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ Rarely

(doesn't waste personal or others' time)

3. Polite and kind to other students

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(no foul language, rude behavior, demeaning comments)

4. Polite to teachers and other adults

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(respectful to teachers and other adults, including parents)

5. Follows classroom and school rules \_

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(doesn't behave as if rules apply only to others)

6. Internally motivated to perform well

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(doesn't require constant attention and praise to do a good job)

10. Has good grammar/syntax in written work

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(essays and other work are easy to read and understand)

Please take the time to write one sentence about how this student performs in your class.

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Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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