

History Honor Society

Application for Membership

2014 – 2015

The History Honor Society was established to give recognition to students who excel in history and demonstrate an enthusiasm for the subject. The HHS also works to provide opportunities for students to develop and share their understanding of the world in which we live.

Criteria for Admission:

- Only **juniors** and **seniors** will be considered
- **Cumulative average of 92 in Regents-level Social Studies courses OR an 88 in Honors and/or AP Social Studies courses OR a 90 in a Regents/Honors/AP Social Studies course combination**
- Demonstration of good character & Social Studies Department approval

To maintain membership, students MUST:

- Participate in the annual National History Day Competition
- **Complete 12 hours of service (with documentation) by March 20, 2015**
- Maintain the grade-point average discussed above
- **Attend meetings each month – can miss *no more than 2* per school year**
- Attend any special meetings that may be called by the advisor and/or the officers

To be considered for membership, please submit:

- ✓ A **letter of intent** that expresses both your appreciation of historical study and your HHS expectations for the year. *This letter must be typed and follow the rules of good grammar.*
- ✓ A **copy of your transcript with your Social Studies classes highlighted.**
- ✓ A **copy of your course schedule for the 2014 – 2015 school year**

Please Note: Failure to follow the aforementioned procedures will result in the rejection of your application.

APPLICATION FILING DEADLINE: OCTOBER 2, 2014

INDUCTION CEREMONY: APRIL 30, 2015

Faculty Advisor:

Mr. Robertson

Student Officers (2014 – 2015):

President..... Ryan Zohar

Vice-President..... Sandra Goldstein Lehnert

Co-Secretaries..... Shannon Ehmsen & Lily Samett

Treasurer..... Georgia Schindele

TZHS History Honor Society Charter

2014 – 2015

Article I **Name of Club/Activity:**
History Honor Society

Article II **Purpose:**
The Tappan Zee High School History Honor Society encourages students to develop an appreciation of history beyond the classroom. The society works to provide students with the opportunity to compete in various competitions and celebrations of history. One such event is the New York State History Day Contest, which challenges students to explore their personal interests in history and present them in a creative and original form. Students also give some of their free time to help other students in their study of history and to contribute to society through volunteer work. Our hope is that these activities will serve to challenge and inform our students about the importance of history.

Article III **Membership:**
A student must be a junior or senior in order to be eligible for this Honor Society. Also, students must maintain a 92% average in Regents History or an 88% in Honors/AP History or a 90% in a Regents/Honors/AP History course combination. For formal induction in the Spring, each student must complete (and submit by an announced due date) a project for the National History Day Competition and complete 12 hours of documented service by March 20, 2015.

Article IV **Meetings:**
The History Honor Society shall meet formally at least once per month. Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the advisor and/or the student officers. Students who wish to be inducted into HHS may miss no more than two meetings per school year.

Article V **Advisor:**
The advisor shall be a member of the faculty of Tappan Zee High School who is appointed by the Principal and approved by the Board of Education.

Article VI **Officers and Duties:**

1. The President provides leadership by example, attends all meetings, and goes the extra-distance for special events.
2. The VP provides leadership by example, attends all meetings, and is responsible for daily announcements and keeping a calendar of meetings.
3. The Secretary provides leadership by example, attends all meetings, and records meeting attendance.
4. The Treasurer provides leadership by example, attends all meetings, and maintains the points for all members.

Article VII Rules of Conduct:

The rules governing this club shall be the same as those governing other extra-curricular activities of the school as described in the Student Handbook. The faculty advisor and/or school administrator shall have the prerogative of approving or disapproving any and all activities suggested by club members. In incidents of a History Honor Society student engaging in academic dishonesty or violating the Code of Conduct,

1. the student would forfeit the privilege of holding an office within the History Honor Society.
2. the student may be placed on probation or removed from the History Honor Society. Expulsion shall take place upon recommendation of the advisor(s) and/or the Social Studies Department faculty.

Article VIII Amendments:

The above mentioned Society shall have the right to amend its charter/constitution in any way within the parameters of the policies, rules, and regulations of Tappan Zee High School and those set forth by the Board of Education.