**Staff Application**

**For Blue and Gold2020-2021**

**IMPORTANT: Applications are DUE by Friday, January 10 and should be turned in to Mr. Lenerz, Broadcast Adviser, either at MLC 3 or in his teacher mailbox. Finalist decisions will be posted at Portable 3 at 1pm on Monday, January 13. Finalists will then sign up for a brief, in-person interview that will occur January 14-16.**

**NOTE #1:** Approval of the adviser is required for enrollment in all of the following: Journalism I, II, III and IV (either newspaper, yearbook, or broadcast).

**NOTE #2:** Applicants who apply for broadcast may also apply for newspaper or yearbook in case they don’t get into broadcast.

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade in 2020-2021 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you are not accepted to the Blue and Gold staff, would you like to be considered for the Yearbook or Newspaper (circle):

Yes / No - YEARBOOK  
Yes / No - NEWSPAPER

*Please answer all questions; you can attach a separate page if you need more space.*

What activities do you participate in (clubs, sports, hobbies)? In which of these will you participate next year?

Have you held any leadership positions, and if so, in what capacity? (class officer, clubs, sports, etc.)

Do you have any computer experience? Please list all programs that you feel confident with, including: Microsoft Office, page editing (PremierPro, etc.), photo editing software (Photoshop, etc.) graphic design programs (Piktochart, etc.) WordPress and Google Docs/Slides. Blue and Gold uses mainly Adobe products.

Do you have outside photography, filming, or editing experience? Do you have experience in art or graphic design? Please elaborate.

Please write a 4 or 5 sentence explanation of why you would be of value to the Blue and Gold staff.

Rank the broadcast sections 1-8 for which you prefer to write, **“1” being the most preferred** **and “8” being the least preferred** (note: all staffers film and produce for all sections; however, we are trying to understand your preferences):

\_\_\_\_\_\_ News

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Science and Technology

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Entertainment

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Features

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sports

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Humor

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Opinion

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Focus

Which of these topics most interest you? (check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Reporting

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Filming

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Computer Graphic Design

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Video/ Sound Editing

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Business Management/Ad Sales/Distribution

**ATTACHMENTS**

You must include all of the following with your application when you submit. **Unfinished or late** applications will not be accepted. Your teacher recommendations must be submitted by the TEACHER to Mr. Lenerz’ box by the due date. This is your responsibility.

**Packet Contents:**

1. The completed application above.

2. Completed ONE short essays of your choice (typed on separate paper) which can be found below.

3. TWO teacher recommendations: one from your current English teacher and one other from a teacher of your choice that you have this year. These can be found at the end of this packet.

4. A copy of your semester report card (printed from Crosspointe)

5. A sample of a writing assignment that you have submitted in your English class this year. It can be anything that has been graded by a teacher in your English class that you feel demonstrates your writing abilities.

6. Film a 1-2 minute spotlight about yourself. Edit however you would like, there is no limit on creativity. Send your video to Chris Lenerz @chrislenerz@sarasotacountyschools.net

**SHORT ESSAYS (choose three of the following. At least 200 words each):**

1. What is your passion?

2. Why do you want to be a member of the Blue and Goldstaff?

3. Blue and Gold is a student publication. How do you respond to the leadership of other students? If you were asked to fill a leadership role on Blue and Gold, what would be your own leadership style?

4. What is your vision of the role of broadcast journalism on a school campus?

5. From what you have seen, how has Blue and Gold done in fulfilling its role and responsibilities? How should it change?

6. Come up with three good ideas for stories that have not appeared in Blue and Gold but should. They can be ideas for any section.

**Teacher Recommendation Form**

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Teacher Recommendation for (student name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Recently, this student has applied to be on the 2020-2021 Blue and Gold staff, a position of responsibility, and the qualities listed below are essential to the staff.

Please rate how this student has demonstrated the following traits in your class:

5 being **excellent** (this student excels in this area)

4 being **above** **average** (this student does well in this area)

3 being **average** (this student demonstrates adequate performance in this area )

2 being **below average (**this student struggles in this area)

1 being **poor** (this student does not meet any of the characteristics of this area )

Excellent Above Average Below Poor

Avg. Avg.

RESPONSIBILITY 5 4 3 2 1 N/A

ABILITY TO MEET DEADLINES 5 4 3 2 1 N/A

CREATIVITY 5 4 3 2 1 N/A

ORGANIZATION 5 4 3 2 1 N/A

ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE 5 4 3 2 1 N/A

PEER RELATIONS 5 4 3 2 1 N/A

OVERALL GRADE 5 4 3 2 1 N/A

INITIATIVE 5 4 3 2 1 N/A

USE OF CLASS TIME 5 4 3 2 1 N/A

LEADERSHIP 5 4 3 2 1 N/A

ABILITY TO ACCEPT CRITICISM 5 4 3 2 1 N/A

HONESTY 5 4 3 2 1 N/A

Do you recommend this student for Blue and Gold? Why or why not?

Any additional comments about this student?

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

**\* PLEASE RETURN TO Chris Lenerz’s MAILBOX BY FRIDAY, DEC. 26**

**\* RECOMMENDATION FORMS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**