

C A R M E L H I G H S C H O O L

APPLICATION FOR STUDENT PUBLICATIONS FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

*Read the entire application before filling out any part of the application.*

**PLEASE SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING:**

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*(NOTE: Please provide an email address that you check regularly. Staff members must have email access.)*

List prerequisite course(s) here: \_\_\_\_\_

Most recent semester grade in publications/journalism course (circle one): A B C D F

Number of days absent during the fall semester of this school year (circle one):

Zero    One or two    Three or four    Five or more

**FOR WHAT POSITION ARE YOU APPLYING?** (i.e. reporter, photographer/designer, ad sales/accounting, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK** the box beside the staff for which you are applying

*(NOTE: Students enrolled in Visual Journalism may list a preference for staff — indicate this by using a 1 and 2):*

HiLite newspaper  
(requires completion of Newspaper 1-2 or Visual Journalism or requires instructor approval)

Pinnacle yearbook  
(requires completion of Yearbook 1-2 or Visual Journalism or requires instructor approval)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)' name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

School ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade: 9 10 11

Current Carmel High School counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check any category** that will apply to you during the 2019-2020 school year. Data are used to gather information, not to decide which applicants are selected.

- Will work a part-time job.  
Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_
- Will have driver's license as of Aug. 1, 2019.
- Will not have driver's license as of Aug. 1, 2019, but will obtain it during the 2019-2020 school year.  
Date to be obtained: \_\_\_\_\_
- Will drive to school most days.
- Will run errands for staff as needed (picking up photo supplies, helping sell ads, distributing papers, etc.)
- Will have parent permission to leave school grounds (during class period only with teacher's permission) for journalism business.
- Able to type at least 35 words per minute.
- Have computer at home  
Type/model: \_\_\_\_\_
- Have access to a personal e-mail account on a daily basis and the ability to send word-processed documents as attachments to that email.
- Willing to attend after-school and/or weekend work sessions.
- Expect to participate in interscholastic sports during the school year.  
Name the sport(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Plan to participate in marching band, clubs, organizations, extracurricular activities, interscholastic speech team or debate, etc.  
List the activities:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Student statement:** I understand that working on an award-winning publication requires that I stay abreast of current trends in journalism and that, while not mandatory, attending a summer journalism workshop at a college campus or Carmel High School at my expense is a strongly recommended activity toward this end. I realize this is not a unique requirement, but one similar to that of many athletic teams, the marching band and co-curricular activities. If at all possible, I expect to participate in the summer of 2019 accordingly and have discussed this with my parents and have their support and financial backing to do so. Additionally, some publications staff meetings do take place in the summer before the school year begins and these meetings, while scheduled with other events such as athletic team and marching band practices in mind, are required. **If selected to a staff next year, I understand a large part of my grade is based on my ability to work independently, to take initiative, to attend after-school work sessions and to meet all deadlines.** I realize that high school publications require a time, effort and quality commitment that differs from that of a junior high school newspaper or yearbook staff. Also, I know that excellent attendance and promptness are required of staff members, as publications work cannot be "made up" after absences as can work in other "regular" classes. **I understand that failure to meet these guidelines may result in my schedule being changed during the school year and my being reassigned from publications to another course or a study hall.**

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

### Parent Signature:

I/we have reviewed this application, agree with its terms, and give permission for my/our son/daughter to submit it.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

### Essay:

To the back of this form, staple the following to the upper left corner: A typed statement that describes your abilities and talents in journalism, your reason for applying to Indiana's best high school journalism program and the reason why you should be selected. Use 12-point Times Roman font, single spaced, with your first and last name in the upper left corner. Limit your comments to one page.

### To submit this application:

Fill out this application neatly, typing or printing in black or blue ink. Sign the application. This application is due to your current instructor **NO LATER THAN JAN. 18, 2019 AT 3:30 P.M.** If you are not currently enrolled in a journalism class or publications staff, you should submit your application to either Jim Streisel (newspaper) in Room C147 or Nicole Laughrey (yearbook) in Room C145 or place in either teacher's faculty mailbox. If you have questions, contact Mr. Streisel via e-mail (jstreise@ccs.k12.in.us) or Mrs. Laughrey (nlaughre@ccs.k12.in.us). No applications will be accepted after the Jan. 18 deadline. If applicants are unable to meet this deadline, the adviser will assume they will not be able to meet deadlines that occur during the production of the newspaper or yearbook and will reject the application.

**Do NOT submit this form to a counselor.**

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