

# Rho Kappa Membership Fee Waiver

If you are seeking to join Rho Kappa and have met the required GPA and character requirements, you will be asked to pay an annual membership fee. This fee equaled \$25 during the 2019-20 school year. However, Rho Kappa recognizes some students face financial hardships and may have difficulty affording the annual membership fee. Any student who is unable to pay the fee is invited to fill out the following form. If approved, it will satisfy their membership fee requirement in lieu of payment.

To qualify, a student must meet **each** of the following 3 requirements:

1. Currently enrolled in the CMS free or reduced lunch program.
2. Demonstrate financial hardship by meeting one or more indicators of economic need listed below
3. Maintain all Rho Kappa honor society membership requirements.

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_.

Reason for Hardship:

- Student is enrolled in or eligible to participate in the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch program
- Student's annual family income falls within the income Eligibility Guidelines\* set by the USDA
- Student is enrolled in a federal, state or local program that aids students from low-income families
- Student's family receives public assistance.
- Student lives in federally subsidized public housing, a foster home or is homeless.
- Student is a ward of the state or an orphan.
- Other request from high school principal, counselor, financial aid officer, or community leader:

Special Circumstances: (Short explanation of hardship)

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Given my knowledge of this student's family circumstances, I believe that providing the application fee would present a hardship.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_