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SIGMA PHI SIGMA THE NATIONAL MERCY HONOR SOCIETY

Application Process

1. Carefully read the attached application form and essay instructions. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
2. Download the recommendation form and send it to one SRU faculty or staff member who knows you well. Please ask the person who completes your recommendation to **send it back to you so that you can add it to your application materials.** Please be considerate and allow enough time for the person writing your recommendation to complete it thoughtfully. It is your responsibility to follow up with your recommender to make sure your recommendation is finished in time for you to file your application.
3. Complete and print the application form and essay. Return the completed application form, the essay and your letter of recommendation (at the same time) to Sigma Phi Sigma co-moderator Anna Mae Mayer, Mercy Center for Spiritual Life, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI 02840 **no later than June 3, 2016.** *Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.*
4. Applications will be reviewed by Sigma Phi Sigma Officers. You will be notified of the results by the beginning of September. *Please note that grade point averages will be reviewed to ensure that those accepted continue to meet the 3.4 requirement prior to Induction later in the academic year.*
5. Should you have any questions, please contact Sigma Phi Sigma co-moderators Anna Mae Mayer, Ext. 2444 or Jayme Hennessy, Ext. 3194.

Deadline: June 3, 2016

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Eligibility:

- Full-time freshman, sophomore or junior (minimum of 12 credits per semester)
- At least two semesters remaining at SRU before graduation

Criteria:

- Scholarship: 3.4 GPA (cumulative / overall)
- Fidelity: Evidence of upholding the mission and values of SRU
- Service: Clear demonstration of commitment to volunteer service to the University and/or civic community

Required Activities:

- Attend general meetings— three times each semester.
- Fulfill 5 service hours per semester, attend one scholarship event per semester and serve on the planning team for one event per year.
- Usher at University events such as Convocation and the Governor’s Ball

(Please print or type the following information).

Name:

Major:

Home Address:

Campus/Local Address:

Best Phone Number:

SRU E-Mail:

Current Class Standing: (Circle)

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Anticipated Date of Graduation:

Current GPA:

Name of the person you have asked to submit a recommendation:

Faculty/Staff:

Applicant Signature:

Date:

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Please note:
If your application to Sigma Phi Sigma is
successful, you must attend the induction
ceremony at
3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 22 in
Our Lady of Mercy Chapel.

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Application Essay

DIRECTIONS

- 1) Use a separate piece of paper.
- 2) Essay should be no fewer than two and no more than four pages.
- 3) Essay should be typed, double spaced, 12-point font.
- 4) Make sure your name is on each page of your essay.
- 5) Staple your essay underneath the application form.

Essay is not limited to, but should include the following points:

- 1) What are your reasons for applying to Sigma Phi Sigma?
- 2) What do you see as your best qualities? How will your membership in Sigma Phi Sigma enhance the Society?
- 3) How do you understand the three ideals of the Society: Scholarship, Fidelity and Service? How are you presently upholding these ideals, and how do you hope to continue to do so?
- 4) Describe the extent of your involvement during your time at Salve Regina University: other honor societies, clubs, organizations, activities, college committees, etc., as well as your membership in any professional or civic organizations, with a particular emphasis on service-related activities. **Do not include required service unless it has led to a deeper involvement in the agency or cause served.** *(Please note that membership in SPS recognizes an existing commitment to service; it should not be seen as a way of becoming involved in service for the first time.)*
- 5) Is there any volunteer work, particular talent or professional interest you might like to share with us?
- 6) Since Sigma Phi Sigma is a **working** honor society, presence at meetings and participation in sponsored events is required. How do you see your schedule including these responsibilities? ***
- 7) Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

N.B. Please make sure you write in essay form. Do not simply respond point by point!

*****Mandatory Activities:** General meetings take place on Sunday evenings. A number of other SPS-sponsored opportunities are available throughout the year, which members are expected to attend as their class schedule permits. Each member also takes responsibility for the planning of one event per year. Furthermore, members of the Society are called upon to help at various University events, e.g., ushering at Convocation, the Governor's Ball, etc.

Thank you for your interest and attention to this application process!

**Sigma Phi Sigma
Faculty/Staff Evaluation Form
Deadline: June 3, 2016**

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____

The student is applying for membership in Sigma Phi Sigma, the National Mercy Honor Society. Please help the Screening Committee evaluate the student by completing this evaluation form.

1. For how long and in what capacity have you known this student? _____

	Out- standing	Good	Average	Poor	Unable to comment
2. Scholarship: The student . . .					
Engages in rigorous intellectual inquiry.					
Is articulate in his/her use of language in written and spoken communication.					
Is able to think creatively and abstractly.					
Is dependable and follows through on assignments/tasks.					
3. Fidelity: The student . . .					
Behaves in a manner congruent with the mission and values of SRU.					
Fosters a sense of community.					
Demonstrates competence and compassion.					
Is a person of integrity?					
4. Service: The student . . .					
Demonstrates respect and care for the dignity of persons.					
Demonstrates leadership abilities.					
has participated in service activities either on campus and/or within the civic community.					

Please complete page two.

5. **Please reflect on this student's character. How have you observed him or her living the Sigma Phi Sigma values of scholarship, fidelity, and service? Please know that your assessment is taken seriously in the selection process. Feel free to type your response on a separate sheet of paper. Please be specific.**

6. **Overall Recommendation (feel free to add comments):**

Recommend with enthusiasm

Recommend

Recommend with reservations

Do not recommend

Signature of evaluator:

Title/position:

Please return this form directly to the student for whom it is written.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this recommendation. Any questions, please call Anna Mae Mayer at ext. 2444 or email at annamae.mayer@salve.edu

DEADLINE: June 3, 2016