

# Application for Seal of Excellence – English Department

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUIREMENTS FOR SEAL OF EXCELLENCE

**Goal:** The student demonstrates consistent and outstanding achievement in the study and use of English Language Arts.

**Criteria:** A Seal of Excellence supports: 1) an appreciation for high-quality writing, reading and speaking 2) the ability to communicate effectively through mature, effective writing and speaking 3) an understanding of the impact of rhetoric and literature on our society 4) deep analysis of fiction and non-fiction, particularly in relation to universal ideas and concepts 5) understanding of how informational and literary texts both shape and reflect the history of the human race.

**Point Accumulation:** Students must acquire at least **seven (7)** points, three (3) from the top section (1-3) and four (4) from the bottom section (4-9), from the following sets of criteria for the Seal of Excellence in English Language Arts.

**To determine qualification for the Seal, complete the checklist (below):**

<b>1</b>	<b>Successful completion of 3 semesters from the following courses with an “A” in each of the three semesters = 1 point.</b>			
		grade received		
		semester 1	semester 2	
	Cambridge FLE/English 9			1
	Cambridge Literature/English 10			1
	Pre-AP English 10			1
	Equivalent Honors Course (9 or 10)*			1
<b>2</b>	<b>Successful completion of 2 semesters of the following Advanced Placement (AP) courses with an A = 1 point. (If one semester is completed with an A, a ½ point may be awarded)</b>			
		grade received		
		semester 1	semester 2	
	AP Language and Composition			1
	AP Literature			1
<b>3</b>	<b>Scores on one of the following exams.</b>			
	English ACT score of 24 or higher			1
	English SAT score of 650 or higher			1
	English SAT Literature Subject Test score of 618 or higher			1
	National Merit Finalist/Semifinalist			1
	AZMerit score of highly proficient			1
				<b>subtotal</b>

\*Need to show transcript

**Transcript must be provided for GPA (grade) verification.**

**Additional points will be earned for the following** (students may be required to produce certificates or other documentation for awarded points):

<b>4</b>	<b>Additional points</b>		
	Earned an “A” in an AP English course over three semesters	1	
	Earned an “A” in a Cambridge course over three semesters	1	
<b>5</b>	<b>Took the exam for one of the following courses:</b>		
	AP Language and Composition	½	
	AP Literature	½	
	Cambridge FLE/English 9	½	
	Cambridge Literature/English 10	½	
<b>6</b>	<b>Earned a 3 on the AP exam:</b>		
	AP Language and Composition	1	
	AP Literature	1	
	<b>Earned a 4 or 5 on the AP exam:</b>		
	AP Language and Composition	2	
	AP Literature	2	
	<b>Earned score on the Cambridge exam:</b>		
	Cambridge FLE/English 9 (70+)	1	
	Cambridge Literature/English 10 (65+)	1	
<b>7</b>	Placed in a recognized and approved speaking or writing competition (i.e., Poetry Out Loud, Rotary, Three Way Speech)	1 for each	
<b>8</b>	Held an executive office for National Honors Society, Student Council or Interact.	1 for each	
<b>9</b>	Be published in a non-school based professional publication (newspaper, magazine, journal, on-line publication – attach description)	1 for each	
<b>10</b>	Earned a merit based scholarship (attach description)	1 for each	
		<b>subtotal</b>	
	<b>Total Points</b>		

**Other experiences may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Attach separate page.**

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_

Verified by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

English Department Chair's Signature