

# Application for Seal of Excellence

## Social Studies Department

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

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUIREMENTS FOR SEAL OF EXCELLENCE

**Goal:** The student demonstrates consistent and excellent achievement in the study of Social Studies.

**Criteria:** A Seal of Excellence supports: 1.) an appreciation for the chronological content of historical events; 2.) the importance of responsible participation in our democracy; 3.) an understanding of the forces which have shaped the United States as well as the world; and 4.) the interpretation of past and present factors relative to developments in the modern world.

**Point Accumulation:** Students must acquire at least **eight (8)** points from the following criteria as a prerequisite for a Seal of Excellence in Social Studies. Circle the points that are applicable.

1	Successful completion of 2 semesters of the following courses with a 4.0 GPA. (If one semester was completed with a GPA of 4.0, a ½ point may be awarded.)		
	Cambridge Honors World History-9		1 point
	Cambridge Honors United States History-10		1 point

2	Successful completion of 2 semesters of the following Advanced Placement (AP) courses with a 4.0 GPA. (If one semester was completed with a GPA of 4.0, a ½ point may be awarded.)		
	AP World History		1 point
	AP United States History		1 point
	AP United States Government & Politics		1 point
	AP Psychology		1 Point

3	Successful completion of 2 semesters of Social Studies Dual Enrollment (DE) courses with a 4.0 GPA. (If one semester was completed with a GPA of 4.0, a ½ point may be awarded.)		
	DE Intro to Western Civilization		1 point
	DE United States History		1 point
	Sub Total		

**Additional points may be earned for the following:**

<b>4</b>	Successful completion of Cambridge history exams		
	Passed the Cambridge World History Exam		1 point
	Passed the Cambridge U.S. History Exam		1 point
<b>5</b>	Earned a 3, 4, or 5 on the score on the AP exam		
	AP World History		2 points
	AP United States History		2 points
	AP United States Government & Politics		2 points
	AP Psychology		2 Points
<b>6</b>	Participated in any of the following:		
	Student Government – AHS Student Council		1 point
	National Honor Society		1 point
	Executive Office for National Honor Society		1 point
	Girls or Boys State		1 point
	Arizona State Seal of Personal Finance		1 Point
	Arizona State Seal of Civics Literacy		1 Point
	<i>(Other experiences are considered on a case by case basis.)</i>		
		<b>Total Points</b>	

**Transcripts must be provided for GPA verification.**

**\*\*Students are required to produce certificates or other documentation for points to be awarded.**

Students Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Total Points \_\_\_\_\_

Verified by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Social Studies Department Chair*