

SENIOR HELPER APPLICATION (2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR)

(Please clearly print all information except for signatures)

Name _____ ID# _____ Adviser _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted to the Senior Helper Drop Box in the Junior Adviser Chairs' Office (Room 200) no later than *February 6, 2020*.

1. Please sign and date the Senior Helper Leadership Code:

If I am selected to be a Senior Helper, I understand that I will be accepting a position of trust and leadership. Consequently, I am expected to set a good example and be a positive role model for the freshman class, both in-school and outside-of-school. If I breach these ideals by using alcohol or any form of illegal substance, by being suspended from school for any reason, or by violating the extracurricular code, I know that my role as a Senior Helper will be terminated. I understand that this pledge goes into effect once I sign below.

Signature _____ Date _____

2. List the teacher and coach/sponsor who, in addition to your adviser, will be providing references for you. Be sure to distribute the appropriate recommendation forms to these individuals as soon as possible in order to provide ample time for their completion. Also, please list the class through which this teacher knows you as a student and the sport/activity through which the coach/sponsor knows you as a participant. **(Please limit your recommendations to only these three individuals: your adviser, one teacher, and one coach/sponsor.)**

Teacher _____ → Class _____

Coach/Sponsor _____ → Team/Activity _____

Please note that, in addition to these recommendations, all teachers will be given a list of all Senior Helper candidates and will be invited to provide their input to the Senior Helper Selection Committee.

3. Please attach a recent photo of yourself in this space. (Please note that photos will not be returned.)

4. Obligations of a Senior Helper

- A. If selected, I must be available for all Senior Helper related meetings.
- I will be responsible for attending three additional before school meetings this April and May. (Students in early bird classes will need to contact Freshman Adviser Chairs well in advance of these morning meeting dates so that they can schedule alternate meeting dates/times.)
 - I will participate in two half-day training sessions (one in June after school is out and one in August before school begins).
 - I will not be able to take an early bird course my senior year.
- B. Adviser Room Attendance
- I must be in my freshman adviser room no later than 7:50 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. (*Note: There is a shuttle bus which departs from the Winnetka campus and arrives at the Northfield campus before Adviser Period. Another shuttle departs the Northfield campus after Adviser Period and returns to the Winnetka campus in time for first period classes.*)
 - I will attend my Senior Adviser Room on all Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- C. Senior Helper Inservice Training
- I will attend these training sessions before school on either Wednesdays or Fridays.
 - I understand this is essentially an Early Bird class and will start at 7:15 a.m.
- D. I will write welcoming letters to the freshmen over the summer.
- E. I will host an adviser picnic for the advisees and adviser during the week prior to the start of school.
- F. I will participate in tours of the Northfield Campus during the week before school starts.
- G. I will be a positive role model.
- H. I will help to create a safe, respectful environment in adviser room.
- I. I will establish positive relationships with individual freshmen in order to help them feel comfortable in their new school environment.
- J. I will assist the freshman adviser with freshman programs including the Freshman Mixer, Freshman Parents' Night and the Identity Project Program.
- K. I will assist students in becoming oriented to New Trier (e.g. meeting other advisees, learning about school policies, finding school resources, etc.)
- L. I will assist the adviser in any way I can, which can include committing to planning time with my freshman adviser and the completion of routine clerical duties.
- M. I will encourage all freshman participation in school activities.
- N. I will help organize and run social activities for the freshman class and for the individual adviser room.
- O. I will inform the freshmen about the extra-curricular activities available. I will also talk with freshmen individually or in small groups about activities particularly appropriate to their individual talents.

Your signature below indicates that you are aware of and agree to the Obligations of a Senior Helper.

Signature _____ Date _____

5. What other senior-year leadership positions (if any) do you wish to pursue?

6. Please list the courses you are considering for your senior year. Please know this is not binding, but rather we are trying to get a sense of the rigor and load of coursework you are considering.

<u>Academic Courses</u>	<u>Electives</u>

7. Please type your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and staple that paper to the end of this packet.

- a. What was the best thing or worst thing that has happened to you at New Trier? What made this memorable? How have you grown and what have you learned from this experience?
- b. NTHS is committed to maintaining a safe and respectful environment. One of the most important places to establish a climate of respect is in the Adviser Program. Please explain how your background and experience with diversity/differences has prepared you for your role as a senior helper. What individual strengths or attributes do you bring to the senior helper program in the area of diversity/differences? Discuss how you would contribute to a safe and respectful environment for all students in a freshman adviser room. Please aim to answer all parts of the question.

8. Summary of my in-school and out-of-school activities:

Activity	Grade Level			Positions held	Plans to participate senior year?
	9	10	11		
Club(s)/Activitie(s)					
Athletics					
Student Leadership					
Social Service					
Community Involvement/Work Experience					

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THIS IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR SCHOOL!

Beginning in February, a select number of applicants will be asked to interview with the committee. Once interviews have concluded, final Senior Helper selections will be made. All applicants will receive notification from the committee by early March regarding the status of their candidacy.