

# PATRIOT PRIDE - HOMEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

Dear Applicants,

We are pleased that you are interested in becoming a member of Patriot Pride, Homewood High School's Ambassador Organization. The young men and women selected as part of Patriot Pride are an important part of Homewood High School. They serve as the official hosts and hostesses for school and community functions and are "on call" to serve as tour guides for visiting groups.



## To be eligible to interview, applicants must

- attend a mandatory meeting on March 11 at 4:00 PM
  - Google Meet Code: [HHS-PatriotPride-2021](#)
- submit \$10 application fee (cash or check made payable to HHS) to Mrs. Cooley in room 249 by March 18 at 3:30 PM
- complete the digital application by March 18 at 3:30 PM: [LINK](#)
- submit a video interview by April 2 at 5:00 PM: [LINK](#)
- be a current sophomore or junior
- have a minimum 3.5 G.P.A.
- have a clean discipline record for the current school year

Membership in Patriot Pride is based on the following scores, which are tallied and evaluated to determine a natural break. Each category is worth 33.3% of the overall score each candidate will receive.

- Teacher recommendation scores based on the following categories:
  - time management / ability to juggle school and extracurricular responsibilities
  - behavior and attitude toward peers and adults
  - work ethic and dependability
- Evaluation of the online application
  - Names will be removed from applications, and the applications will be evaluated on the strength of the responses and the level of community / school engagement
- Interview scores based on the following categories:
  - Poise
  - Quality of responses / authenticity
  - Speaking Skills / Eye Contact

A minimum of 10 boys and 10 girls will be selected from the pool of eligible applicants.

Click [here](#) to read the Patriot Pride constitution to learn more about the requirements for earning and maintaining membership.

The opportunity to interview should be viewed as a privilege, and if you are selected as a member of Patriot Pride, your commitment to serve must be a TOP priority for you.

Thank you again for your interest in becoming a member of Patriot Pride, Homewood High School's Ambassador Organization.

Sincerely,  
Michele Cooley - [mcooley@homewood.k12.al.us](mailto:mcooley@homewood.k12.al.us)

<b>Patriot Pride Selection Process: Important Dates</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Thursday, March 11 4:00 PM	Required meeting for all interested candidates	Google Meet Code: <a href="#">HHS-PatriotPride-2021</a>
Thursday, March 18 3:30 PM	* Applications due - submit online application  *Submit \$10 application fee (cash or check made payable to HHS)	<a href="#">Link: Patriot Pride Application</a>  Give application fee to Mrs. Cooley in Room 249
Friday, April 2 5:00 PM	Make sure to carefully read the interview guidelines before posting your video: <a href="#">Interview Guidelines</a>	Post your Interview at the FlipGrid Link: <a href="#">HERE</a>
Wednesday, April 7 no later than 3:30 PM	Email will be sent to all candidates with the list of newly selected Patriot Pride Ambassadors	School email account

**NOTE:** For the 2021-2022 year only, because the pandemic prevented them from fully partaking in typical Patriot Pride duties, current Patriot Pride Ambassadors who intend to apply for their senior year will be automatically accepted into the organization provided that they meet the GPA and discipline requirements **and** submit all required components of the application process.

# **PATRIOT PRIDE INFORMATION**

## **WHAT DO PATRIOT PRIDE MEMBERS DO?**

- Serve as the official hosts and hostesses for the high school, school district, and community
- Assist administration and faculty
- Help with school sponsored events.

## **WHO CAN TRY-OUT?**

Those sophomores and juniors who have at least a 3.5 GPA and have a clean discipline record for the current school year are invited to apply for membership.

## **HOW DO I TRY-OUT?**

- Submit online application by Thursday, March 18 at 3:30 PM
- Pay \$10 application fee which covers the cost of hiring judges from outside the school system - Due Thursday, March 18 by 3:30 PM
- Submit your video interview on FlipGrid by Friday, April 2 at 5:00 PM

## **IS THE INTERVIEW TIME CHANGEABLE? WHAT IF I CAN'T MAKE IT? WHAT IF I AM OUT OF TOWN? ETC.**

The interview date is not changeable. It is a firm deadline.

## **WHO INTERVIEWS ME?**

The interview panel will be one senior officer of the Patriot Pride and at least two adults from outside the Homewood community. The interviewers have current or previous experience as ambassadors or delegates and / or work in occupations with strong emphasis on social and business interactions.

## **HOW MANY PATRIOT PRIDE MEMBERS WILL BE SELECTED?**

The total number of ambassadors will be determined by a natural break in the scores. There will be a minimum of 10 boys and 10 girls selected.

## **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PATRIOT PRIDE?**

The \$50 membership dues cover the cost of two socials, training supplies, a Patriot Pride t-shirt, a Patriot Pride pin, and a name tag. Patriot Pride members are responsible for purchasing their formal dress uniforms. Boys will need khaki pants, a navy blazer, white dress shirt, and brown dress shoes. The girls' uniform will either be a navy suit or a navy dress (to be chosen by the newly selected ambassadors) and nude heels. More uniform information will be given after Patriot Pride members have been selected. For 2021, the \$50 membership dues will be waived for returning ambassadors.

## **HOW MUCH OF A TIME COMMITMENT IS THE PATRIOT PRIDE?**

Events vary somewhat from year to year, and many events are on a volunteer basis. You may work several events one month, only one or two events another month, and none at all a following month. However, there are a few events each year which will be mandatory for the whole group. You will be expected to participate in all mandatory events.