

Pep O' Plant newspaper application

Applicant Name: _____

Grade: _____

Pep O' Plant is looking for new staff members for 2016-2017. If you enjoy writing, photography, drawing or graphic design, the newspaper staff is the perfect place for you to use your talents. Complete this application and return it to **Mrs. Avery in room 103 by Friday, March 4**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Students will be contacted for interviews after Spring Break.

Producing a student newspaper requires complete dedication from every member of the staff. Everyone associated with a publication must be prepared to spend time, not only during school, but after school, during school events and some weekends. Being selected to serve our school is an honor and a commitment.

While editors will spend more time on the publication than will other staff members, students involved in reporting, photography, and production must expect to devote more time to their publication work than they would to a regular class. This is a natural requirement of the journalism process.

Staff members should understand that because of the significant amount of time required to produce a newspaper, they need to reduce the amount of time they spend in connection with other school related activities or outside work. Staff members are also required to sell \$500 in advertisements each summer.

Scholastic journalism is a leadership role and these students are held to a higher standard. Any infraction of school policies resulting in discipline being administered will result in the removal of that staff member from that publication.

A. Type your responses and attach to this application:

- Describe your involvement in:
 - Extracurricular activities at PHS (clubs, sports, etc.)
 - Any previous journalism experience.
 - Any previous photography experience.
 - Any previous computer experience (platforms and programs).
 - Any after school employment.
- Briefly explain why you want to be on a staff and your interest in journalism.
- What talents could you bring to the staff?
- What ideas do you have to improve the Pep O' Plant?

B. Number any positions you are interested in and rate them 1 to 10 (1 being your top choice).

___ Staff writer ___ Sports Writer ___ Columnist ___ Review Writer
___ News Editor ___ Features Editor ___ Opinions Editor ___ Centerspread Editor
___ Arts & Entertainment Editor ___ Sports Editor ___ Copy Editor
___ Design Editor ___ Webmaster ___ Graphics Editor ___ Photography Editor
___ Business Manager ___ Circulation Manager ___ Public Relations ___ Photographer

C. Attach a sample of your writing and/or photography/graphics/ artwork that demonstrate your skills.

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D. Obtain recommendations

Note: Teachers can email an additional recommendation to Ms. Ogle.

Assistant Principal-Student Affairs:

This student is in good standing with the Student Affairs Office, and I believe that he or she would represent H.B. Plant High School well.

Assistant Principal's Signature

Date

English teacher

I believe this student would be an asset to the Pep O' Plant staff and that he or she would represent H.B. Plant High School well.

Teacher Signature

Date

Print English teacher name: _____

Teacher of your choice

I believe this student would be an asset to the Pep O' Plant staff and that he or she would represent H.B. Plant High School well.

Teacher Signature

Date

Print teacher name: _____

F. Sign and return

Student:

I understand the obligations of a scholastic press member and agree to meet and perform these duties to the best of my ability.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian:

I understand the time commitment, the requirement to sell advertisement and that after school and weekend work may be necessary. I give permission for my child to apply to H.B. Plant High School's journalism staff.

Parent Signature

Date