

Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society

2010 Application

Due Date: February 26, 2010

Mortar Board, Inc. is a national honor society that recognizes college seniors for excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership and service. Mortar Board members are first-rate leaders, selected from the tops of their classes. Since its establishment in 1918, nearly a quarter of a million members have been initiated throughout over 200 chapters across the nation. Please note: This application is only available through this website. Therefore, you do not apply through AOSCH for Mortar Board.

- You may apply to only **ONE** senior class honorary, not both.
- If you have any questions while filling out the application please email us at 1stvpmortarboard@gmail.com.

Before you begin, make sure you have:

1. **Requirements.** Make sure you *meet all of the requirements* listed on the Mortar Board website.
2. **Letter of recommendation.** Find someone to *write a letter of recommendation* for you and submit it by February 26th to 1stvpmortarboard@gmail.com with your name in the subject line.
3. **Resume.** Have an updated, one page resume on hand.
4. **Experience.** Have a list of all of your service, leadership, and volunteer experience on hand.
5. **Read through** all the questions first.
6. **Type out answers in Word first.** Answer all essay questions in a word document first. (This way, you can just copy and paste your answers into this form. None of your responses will be lost if something happens to your internet connection, you can also work at different questions at a time, etc.)
7. **Time.** Please have at least 2 hours available.

Section #1: Candidate Information

Please fill in the following information below.

Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial	<input type="text"/>
Address (Street, Apt No.)	<input type="text"/>
Address (City, State, Zip)	<input type="text"/>
Email Address (must be your OSU address)	<input type="text"/>
Last 4 Digits of your SSN	<input type="text"/>
Parent contact information	<input type="text"/>
Parent/ Guardians First and Last Names	<input type="text"/>
Parent/Guardians Address (Street, Apt #)	<input type="text"/>
Parent/Guardians Address (City, State, Zip)	<input type="text"/>

Educational Information

Major(s)

Minor(s)

Cumulative GPA (Must be above 3.0)

Expected Graduation Date: (quarter and year)

Electronic Signature

I hereby give permission for Mortar Board to review my academic records and verify that I meet the minimum grade point required for membership in Mortar Board at The Ohio State University. I also declare that, to be the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided is correct and representative of me. By signing this application I hereby agree to fulfill the minimum requirements for membership in Mortar Board as posted on the website.

Type Signature Here (First, Last)

Confirm Signature Here (First, Last)

Today's Date

Biography

*If you are accepted into Mortar Board, we will read a short biography about you during the induction ceremony.

- Please write a creative one paragraph description of your college achievements.
- Write this paragraph in the third person.
- This biography is to be a maximum of **200** words and should include, but is not limited to:
 - o Your major, minor and college;
 - o Your academic achievements and scholarships, extracurricular and service activities,
 - o Any post-graduation plans.

Section #2: Demonstration of Scholarship, Leadership, and Service

Mortar Board members are chosen using a blind selection process.

DO NOT include your name and when completing the following questions

Academic Achievements

- List up to three (3) of your most important academic achievements accomplished during your college career.
- These could include, but not limited to: scholarships, grants, research awards, as well as any other awards recognizing you for your academic achievements.
- Remember that the **quality** of your involvement is more important than the quantity.

Name of the Award, Grant, Scholarship, etc.

Brief description of the achievement

Academic Achievements- 2

Name of the Award, Grant, Scholarship, etc.

Brief description of the achievement

Academic Achievements- 3

Name of the Award, Grant, Scholarship, etc.

Brief description of the achievement

Volunteer Experience

- List up to three (3) of your volunteer/service projects you have been a part of during your college career.
- Note: they do not have to be school related.
- Remember that the **quality** of your involvement is more important than the quantity.

Name of Organization/Team/Club

Role

Description of your involvement

Volunteer Experience- 2

Name of Organization/Team/Club

Role

Description of your involvement

Volunteer Experience- 3

Name of Organization/Team/Club

Role

Description of your involvement

Leadership

- List up to three (3) leadership positions you have held while in college.
- This may include teams, clubs or organizations.
- Remember that quality of your involvement is more important than the quantity.

Name of Organization/Team/Club

Role

Description of your involvement

Leadership-2

Name of Organization/Team/Club

Role

Description of your involvement

Leadership-3

Name of Organization/Team/Club

Role

Description of your involvement

Section #3: Essays

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DO NOT include your name anywhere when answering the following questions.

Question I: Leadership

Choosing one of the organization or activities you mentioned in section II, describe a time in which you played the role of a leader and while trying to accomplish something, and failed to achieve that goal. Explain what you think went wrong and what you would have done to correct it.

Question II: Scholarship

Describe a time in which you participated in an extra-curricular activity or took a class that was not related to your major. Explain what benefits you sought to gain through this experience.

Question III: Service

Describe a time when you had to prioritize between a service event and another event or activity (this may include studying for exams). How did you decide what to choose and do you believe you made the right decision?

Question IV

If you have ever participated in a Mortar Board sponsored event (the World's Largest Pillow Fight, for example), how would you improve the event? If you have not, how would you improve the campus visibility of these events or our organization in general?

Question V

What would you like your legacy to be upon graduation? How will this legacy contribute to the ultimate legacy of Mortar Board (i.e. expanding the tenets of leadership, scholarship, and service)?

Section #4: Resume

DO NOT include your name on your resume please!

- Copy and paste your resume in the field below
- Keep in mind that Mortar Board will be evaluating your resume based on: extracurricular activities, professional experience, volunteer and leadership experience as well as academic success.
- Once again, quality is more important than quantity
- Please limit resume to one page (when converted to Microsoft Word).

Section #5: Letter of Recommendation

- Choose one person to write a meaningful recommendation letter as part of your application.
- The recommender must be someone from your Ohio State academic life (a faculty member) or professional life (a supervisor/advisor) that is well acquainted with your academic program, scholastic ability or professional performance.
- The letter will be evaluated based on the recommender's assessment of your initiative, intelligence, strong work habits, and other indicators of potential success in Mortar Board.
- Every reference writer **MUST** supply as many of the following as are available: telephone number, e-mail address, and fax if possible. Please make sure your name is clearly identified in the letter which should be sent directly from your reference writer to 1stvpmortarboard@gmail.com with your name in the subject line.
- Any letter that does not come directly from the recommender will not be accepted.

I acknowledge that I need to have someone write a letter of recommendation for me to fully complete my application. (Please type your name below)

That's it! You are all done. We realize this can be a long, tiring process. Please know that we take the utmost care when reviewing these applications. We really appreciate your desire to become a part of the Mortar Board Senior Class Honorary. Please know this is a very competitive process,

and acceptance is limited. Traditionally, we receive over 300 applicants each year, so decisions are very difficult to make.

Please make sure to take one last look over your application and **PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD**. We know mistakes happen, but there have been many close calls in the past and typos are not impressive.

Thank you once again, and good luck!

For questions, please e-mail 1stvpmortarboard@gmail.com.