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# **NNHS Seals: Civic Action & Social Justice**

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# Seals of Civic Action and Social Justice

**An opportunity to represent your skills and knowledge, and your commitment to civic life, service, and/or social justice issues.**

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# Who can apply?

**Members of the Class of 2021 and Classes of 2022 can apply in Spring 2021.**

**Students can apply for either or both the Seal of Civic Action and Seal of Social Justice**

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# What is the Seal of Civic Action?

**Demonstrated passion, consistent participation and commitment to issues of community service and civic life. For example, participation in:**

- organizations/agencies whose missions center around community service and civic life
  - actions/projects whose purposes center around community service and civic life
  - development, creation, and leadership of initiatives centered around community service and civic life
  - understanding of political processes, forces, and challenges around community service and civic life
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# What is the Seal of Social Justice?

- Connects to issues of **equity**
  - anti-racism/racial equity
  - gender equity
  - equity around sexual orientation
  - equity around socio-economic class
  - issues of human rights
  - religious tolerance
  - ability rights
  - workers' rights
  - immigration rights
  - environmental justice, or other sustainability issues
- Work related to supporting people in traditionally **marginalized communities**



# Two components

## The work itself

- Consistent participation in organizations whose missions center around issues of social justice
- Consistent participation in actions/projects whose purposes center around issues of social justice
- Development, creation, and leadership of one-time or ongoing initiatives centered around issues of social justice

## Reflection

- Demonstrate a consistent and deep-seated commitment to issues of social justice
- Can take on a number of different formats

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# What do I need to do to obtain a Seal?

Complete a Reflection!

What did you do? What did your work mean to you? What impact do you think you had? How are you different or the same because of your work? Did you go over and above what others expected of you?

No minimums, no maximums of time spent. Quality and process matter over quantity.

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# Types of Reflections

- **Written reflection**
  - **Visual or Audio representations**
  - **Computer/Mobile Applications**
  - **Presentations**
    - Musical scores,
    - Play,
    - Poetry, essay, video,
  - **Other....**
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# How to Apply

1. Fill out our [Google Form](#) at any time to indicate your interest and to be added to our mailing list.
  2. Review the information on each Seal above, including the Rubrics for each Seal and Seals Slide Deck on our page about the [Seals](#) on our CCES website: [newtoncces.org](http://newtoncces.org). You may apply for one or both Seals.
  3. Contact the Center at [nnhs.ccesinfo@gmail.com](mailto:nnhs.ccesinfo@gmail.com) or Michele Leong [leongm@newton.k12.ma.us](mailto:leongm@newton.k12.ma.us) with any questions.
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# Deadlines

- **Seniors: Reflections due March 1, 2021.**
  - **Juniors: Reflections due April 15, 2021.**
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# Submitting Your Reflection

Complete your reflection by the deadline. Make sure your submission contains your name, date, grade, school email and which Seal(s) you are applying for.

- Submit the reflection for the Seal of Civic Action to:  
[nnhs.ccesinfo@gmail.com](mailto:nnhs.ccesinfo@gmail.com).
  - Submit the reflection for the Seal of Social Justice to:  
[leongm@newton.k12.ma.us](mailto:leongm@newton.k12.ma.us).
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# What's the Timing?

- Reflections will be reviewed by faculty committees. If we need more information, we will be in touch!
- Seniors: Applicants will be notified in early April.
- Juniors: Applicants will be notified in early June.

**\*Want to discuss your reflection before you submit? Feel free to reach out to us ahead of the deadline!**

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# Q & A

**What questions do you have?**

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# Contact

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