
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.

Who can apply?

Members of the Junior and Senior Classes are eligible to apply*

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

***We expect to have three application rounds (Fall, Spring and late Spring) each year**

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

What do I need to do to obtain a Seal?

Complete a Reflection!

Your Reflection should answer many of the following questions:

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.

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. Review the information on each Seal, including the Rubrics for each Seal and deadlines, on the [Seals](#) page on CCES's website: newtoncces.org. You may apply for one or both Seals.
 3. Contact the Kate Kennedy at kennedyk@newton.k12.ma.us if you have any questions.
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Deadlines

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

- **Round One: Seniors – Reflections due October 15, 2021. Seal recipients will be notified in late October, 2021.**
 - **Round Two: Seniors – Reflections due on November 30, 2021, 2022 . Seal recipients will be notified in late December, 2021.**
 - **Round Three: Seniors and Juniors – Reflections due late March/early April, 2022 (date TBD). Seal recipients will be notified in mid May, 2022.**
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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.

Please submit your Reflection using the form on the [Seals](#) page on CCES's website: newtoncces.org. You **MUST** change your sharing settings to “anyone with link can view” when submitting a Google Doc.

What's the Timing?

- Reflections will be reviewed by a faculty committee. If we need more information, we will be in touch!

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- Seals will be affixed to Seal recipients' NNHS transcript by November 1st, January 1st and May 30th, as appropriate.
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Questions? Contact:

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