

The Leonid Application

Due by May 10, 2021 at 2:40 p.m.

Dear Applicant,

Congratulations! You are one step away from joining the talented staff of the Red Lion Leonid! We have been very busy this year building upon the foundation that has been set in the last few years, and we have some great things to come. We hope you consider becoming a member of our team

The journalism program produces the school paper, The Leonid, at www.theleonid.com. We are also partners with the video production classes.

Many may sign up for journalism classes, TV production classes and photography classes, but this application shows that you are interested in being a part of the journalism staff as well.

Deadlines and details are very important in the world of journalism. Make sure you read through all directions and note the dates associated with the application process. Check your email after May 17 for information about your status.

I wish you all the best of luck! Please let me know if you have questions. You can contact me at kelkisc@rlasd.net.

Sincerely,

Carol Kelkis

The Leonid Adviser

Room D221

What does the Leonid staff do?

We...

- Work as a team to complete all sections of the Leonid
- Attend journalism camps and conventions so we can learn with others and compete against them for awards!
- Take photos of school related events, write relevant articles/captions; meet with advisers, administrators, students, and/or coaches to get background information or interviews.
- Meet deadlines and be responsible for completing your articles; designing layouts, proofing, editing, etc.
- Learn different aspects of the field of journalism and management of a business.
- Demonstrate punctuality, organization, perseverance, and initiative.
- Do what needs to be done, even before asked to do it.
- Keep secrets and show dependability and trustworthiness.
- Maintain stellar grades and behavior in other classes.

WHAT DO I NEED TO HAVE OR DO TO BE ON THE STAFF?

In addition to the application, YOU...

- Must have one teacher recommendation— preferably from an English teacher
- Write a 1 paragraph statement about why you would be an excellent choice for our staff.
- Send a writing sample from another project you did in school
- Must submit the application and requirements listed therein by the end of the day on Monday, May 10th.

IF I MAKE THE STAFF, WHAT ARE SOME OTHER THINGS I NEED TO KNOW?

Once on staff, YOU...

- Will begin training with editors to take pictures, write articles, and learn about all aspects of the newspaper

THE LEONID STAFF APPLICATION 2021

Name _____

Current Grade Level (Circle one) 9 10 11

Email _____

Please read all directions carefully and complete all sections of the application thoroughly. In addition to this application form, you must do/complete the following:

- Ask an English teacher or other teacher to complete the application. They will turn in to me without you seeing it.
- Write a one- paragraph statement about why you would be an excellent choice for our staff.
- Send a writing sample from another project you did in school
- **Submit your application with attachments to Mrs. Kelkis at Red Lion Sr. High School by May 10 at 2:40 p.m. by email or by delivering it to D221. Late submissions will NOT be accepted no matter what!!!**

Do you know anyone currently on our staff? If yes, who? _____

1. What Leonid position(s) interest you right now? All team members take pictures, write articles and/or captions, and meet deadlines, but these are the sections of the newspaper students can work in. The descriptions are for you to have a basic idea of what they do.

____ **Sports** – needs to be knowledgeable about a variety of sports; attends games (for free) when covering a story

_____ Writing

_____ Photography

_____ Video and video editing

_____ Editing a website–posting to our blog-style site.

2. Photography and Video Experience

Do you ever use video-editing software? If so, what kind? Are you familiar with Photoshop or another editing program? Explain.

Have you ever taken a photography class or a class that has taught aspects of photography or design? Or describe any experience you have had taking and editing photos or designing pages.

3. Writing Ability/English Skills/Grades

Proficiency in English is important, as all staff members must gather information and write articles and captions for pictures. Students need to be well-versed in the basics of grammar, usage, and syntax (as well as have a creative approach to a topic).

Current English teacher and name of class:

Have you ever won any recognition for your writing ability? If so, please explain.

4. Computer and Artistic Knowledge

Describe your experience with digital technology.

5. Schedule and activities

List all extracurricular activities in which you are involved or those in which you will be involved next year (sports, clubs, jobs, potential jobs etc.).

6. With 1 being the least appealing and 5 being the most appealing, rank your interest/abilities in the following:

- Working alone 1 2 3 4 5
- Writing captions for pictures 1 2 3 4 5
- Photography 1 2 3 4 5
- Attending school events 1 2 3 4 5
- Interacting with different people 1 2 3 4 5
- Teaching/helping others 1 2 3 4 5
- Talking to teachers 1 2 3 4 5
- Proofreading 1 2 3 4 5
- Being at school on time 1 2 3 4 5
- Following through with things 1 2 3 4 5
- Motivating others to succeed 1 2 3 4 5

7. Write a paragraph explaining why you wish to join the newspaper staff. Discuss your experience, qualifications and strengths you would bring to the staff in general.

If you want to be considered for the Leonid staff, read this and then sign the following:

I have read the staff application and understand the basic details that have been outlined. By signing this form, I also acknowledge that being on the Leonid requires more than just normal homework. At times, I will be required to stay after normal school hours or even come to school on a Saturday to finish work, especially during major deadlines. I realize that being on the newspaper staff is a responsible, prestigious, and time-consuming position. I will work hard and never goof around at inappropriate times. If I am finished, I will help others. I will maintain a high overall grade-point average in all of my classes, and will do my best to balance school, the newspaper, and extracurricular activities. I am willing to do ANYTHING it takes to have the best newspaper that we can produce.

Student signature and date

**All applications should be submitted to
Mrs. Kelkis at Red Lion Sr. High School
before 2:40 on May 10th.**

**Your application must be turned in ON TIME, as
this is your first deadline!**

Give a recommendation form to a teacher for recommendation- preferably an English teacher

The Leonid Staff Member Recommendation Form

This form will NEVER be shared with students, so PLEASE be honest. We need the best of the best on our team!

Student's name: _____

Teacher's name: _____

School: _____

When did you have the applicant as a student? _____

In which class:

What is your impression of the student's work ethic? Is she/he hardworking? Does she/he take pride in his/her work? Is he/she dependable and mature? Can he/she meet deadlines?

What is your impression of the student's ability to learn? Is she/he a quick learner? Does she/he follow directions easily? Can she/he solve problems independently?

From what you have observed, how does this student interact with others? (team player, withdrawn, outgoing, etc.)

It is vitally important that our staffers be competent writers and editors, regardless of the section that they are in. Please describe this applicant's strengths and weaknesses in grammar and writing.

On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate this student's overall suitability for the school media staff?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Teacher's Signature & Date _____