

## **The Society for Excellence in English (SEE)**

### Goals

SEE has the following primary goals:

- to recognize those who, on the basis of academic grades and performance, merit special note for past and current accomplishments in English and Language Arts Electives
- to nurture these persons in such ways that they are encouraged to develop further their abilities in the various fields of English; and
- to encourage members to use their talents in the service of others.

### Eligibility Requirements

1. Attended Fuqua School for the equivalent of one semester prior to being considered (If special circumstances merit, the Chapter Advisory Committee may waive the semester regulation.);
2. Completed English 9 and English 10 prior to induction as member;
3. Achieved a minimum GPA of 3.2 in grade-level English and one (optional) related elective (based on final end-of- semester grades);
4. Meets Fuqua School's minimum standard for overall GPA (and not on academic probation);
5. Committed no serious behavior violation (level III or higher) throughout the previous academic year nor behaved in a manner that resulted in behavior probation.

### Application Process

1. Complete and submit The Society for Excellence in English (SEE) application to Ms. Diane Stubbins, sponsor of the society which includes:

- a statement of academic eligibility citing English GPA (includes: 9th, 10th, 11th, Creative Writing, Intro to Journalism, or Honors English Seminar)

- a typed, one-page essay (double-spaced, Times New Roman size 12 font) on a topic determined annually by the Chair and the SEE Advisory Committee,

2. Submit personal recommendations from two members of the SEE Advisory Committee—Ms. Stubbins, Ms. Moss or Mr. Custis.

### Election

Students who meet all eligibility requirements and successfully complete all application requirements as determined by the SEE Advisory Committee will be elected into membership.

### Membership Retention

To retain membership, the student must maintain a minimum 3.2 GPA in English-related classes and continue to meet all eligibility requirements for behavior.

**Application For The Fuqua School**  
**Society For Excellence In English (SEE)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Complete the following eligibility checklist:

- Completed English 9 and English 10
- Attended Fuqua School at least one semester prior to application
- Overall GPA of at least a 3.0 based on end-of-semester grades
- English GPA of at least a 3.2 based on end-of-semester grades for English 9, English 10, English 11, Creative Writing, or other Language Arts elective
- Am not currently on Behavior Probation

2. Obtain two personal recommendations from members of the Chapter Advisory Committee—Ms. Stubbins, Ms. Moss or Mr. Custis. Recommendations require a signature only and represent a personal endorsement.

- Yes, I recommend this individual \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes, I recommend this individual \_\_\_\_\_

3. Pledge to promote reading in our school and community through acts of volunteerism.

- Yes, I commit to volunteering 4 hours of additional community service per academic year to promote reading in our school or the greater community. (Hours may be completed at the LS/MS, your local library, or with the Virginia Children’s Book Festival.)

4. Select one of the two prompts below and write an original, 1-page essay in response. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman size 12 font, and should demonstrate command of standard English.

- What can we in the Society for Excellence in English do to encourage high school students to read more?
- What single book has influenced you profoundly? Explain the lasting impact of this book upon your life.

5. Submit this cover sheet with all required elements to the SEE Advisory Committee Chair, Ms. Diane Stubbins. All students meeting the requirements and completing items 1-5 on the application will receive a favorable recommendation for membership into the Fuqua School Society for Excellence in English.