

## YEARBOOK APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. **Read this carefully and follow all of the instructions.**
2. **No freshmen or seniors are eligible to apply. Only rising sophomores and juniors are eligible to sign up for the yearbook staff as first-year students.**

**Course Description:** Every year the students on the yearbook staff design, write, and distribute McEachern's yearbook, *The Jomehan*. The students take very seriously the responsibility of creating a published record of the events of the school year. First year yearbook students study correct journalistic writing style and design; they write, report, and gather information; and they contribute to design ideas for the yearbook. Students must be successful in previous English classes to become a yearbook staffer. Second and third year yearbook students do extensive work in design, layout, and computer applications, as well as photography. Because of the unique nature of this class, yearbook students must be motivated, self-disciplined, responsible, and highly involved in the life of the school. To be on yearbook staff, you must be able to:

- take yearbook as an elective *year-round* for the rest of your time at McEachern
- demonstrate a command of English grammar, diction, and mechanics
- complete this application completely and accurately

3. Neatly **fill out the application** form that is attached and give the recommendation to the English teacher here at McEachern who knows you best.
4. Complete **one** of the following **work samples**.

### WRITTEN WORK SAMPLE

This should be an example of your best writing. Topics are limitless! You may submit a recently written essay for your English class if you have not written outside of class. Please type the writing sample, and be sure your name is on your work. You may attach it to the yearbook application.

**--OR--**

### PHOTOGRAPHY PORTFOLIO

Create a portfolio of **4-6 examples** of your best photography. (Hint: submit a variety of photo subjects, like people in action, candids, sports, and creative or artistic shots.) These must be photos that you have taken! Submit only hard copies, and either **1)** paste them on regular typing paper and staple the papers to the back of the application, or **2)** place them in an envelope with your name on the outside and paper clip it to the application.

5. Give the attached **Teacher Recommendation** form to your **ENGLISH TEACHER** after you have filled in the top portion.

**ALL WORK SAMPLES AND APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN  
TO SR 105 or to a CURRENT STAFF MEMBER  
BEFORE the middle of February.**

#### Yearbook Application Checklist:

- Read this form
- Staple onto this packet a work sample, either written or photographic
- Complete the application in this packet
- Give the recommendation form to your last semester or current English teacher
- Turn in the application and work sample to **SR 105** or **to a YB student** by **the middle of February.**

**Jomehan Staff Application**

(PLEASE PRINT)

You may additional paper, stapled to this, if you need more space

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print your schedule below:**

	Please label odd and even if different.
Fill in with all of your teachers' names & subjects:	3 <sup>rd</sup> block

**List the names of your high school English teachers below:**

Freshman Year	
Sophomore Year	

What was your final grade in your most recent or last English class? \_\_\_\_\_

How many absences did you have last semester? \_\_\_\_\_ Last year? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you participate in a sport here at McEachern? Who is your coach?

What extracurricular activities do you participate in here at McEachern?

List any other course work (in or out of school) or previous experience that would prove beneficial to you as a member of yearbook staff.

Are you close friends with anyone currently on yearbook staff? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

If you answered YES, please list their names.

Do you consider yourself to be more of a **creative or an organized** person? Explain.Explain what **commitment** means to you and give **specific examples** of how you have demonstrated commitment in the past.

Why do you want to be on the yearbook staff?

**TEACHER RECOMMENDATION  
CONFIDENTIAL**

- ◆ Fill in the top of this form, and then give it to your English teacher (your first semester teacher if you had English first semester)
- ◆ This form should be sent directly to Ms. Chandler from your teacher

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT)

**Teacher's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please rate this student in the following categories:**

	<b>Poor</b>			<b>Average</b>				<b>Excellent</b>		
<b>Writing Skills</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Attendance</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Attitude</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Social Interactions</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Overall Impression</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

**Do you recommend this student for yearbook staff?** (CIRCLE ONE)

**Yes, enthusiastically and without reservation**

**Yes, but with some reservation (feel free to explain)**

**No**

**Is there anything else you would like to tell me about this student?**

**Please return this form to Whitney Chandler in S105 by the middle of February.**

**Thanks!**