Dear Applicants,

Thank you for your interest in applying to be a Link Crew leader for the 2017-2018 school year. Link Crew is a freshmen transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Being a part of Link Crew means that you will have an opportunity to impact school culture at San Clemente High School and make a real difference in the lives of your fellow students. You will also receive leadership and mentorship training that will still be applicable long after you leave our school!

Before you apply, please note the mandatory dates listed on the bottom of this page. **These dates are absolutely mandatory for all leaders and you will not be able to be a Link Crew leader if you cannot make all of them.** Please do not apply if you already know that you have a conflict with any of these dates. Additionally, please remember that only current sophomores and juniors may apply to be leaders.

**Please read and complete this packet carefully.** Failure to completely fill out the application and comply with all requirements will result in your disqualification. This application is to be completed in full and turned into Ms. Dimperio (Room P-13) by Thursday, March 16th before 2:45 pm. Failure to do so, for any reason, will result in your inability to be considered for a leader position. If you have any questions, please speak to Ms. Dimperio, either in person or via LoopMail. Be sure you know the deadlines and meet them. Thank you for your interest in impacting future generations of Tritons!

Sincerely,

Ms. Dimperio & Mr. Dollar
Link Crew Coordinators

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**Keep this page for reference, dates may be subject to change**
SCHS Link Crew Code of Conduct

As a member of San Clemente High School’s Link Crew, I promise to:
Please initial each line; your initial indicates you have read and understand the expectations for a SCHS Link Crew Leader.

1. Show dedication and responsibility
   __ I will attend all Link Crew and team meetings/events during the summer
   
   Link Crew leaders are REQUIRED to attend one training day at the end of the school year (April 24), two training days in the summer (August 14-15), the Transfer Student Breakfast (August 16) and the Freshmen Orientation (August 17). As our most important events of the year, all five of these dates are MANDATORY. There are NO exceptions. If you are unavailable on any of these dates, you cannot be selected as a Link Crew leader. By signing, you are agreeing to be present at all five mandatory dates.

   __ I will attend all Link Crew meetings/freshmen centered events during the school year and if I cannot attend, I will notify the Link Crew Coordinators as soon as possible.
   
   Link Crew is a year-long program. There will be monthly meetings and monthly freshmen centered events (Freshmen Tailgate, Halloween Movie Night, etc.). You will be required to help organize and/or attend all monthly freshmen centered events.

   __ I will keep in contact with my Freshmen Crew every month throughout the year.
   
   As a Link Crew Leader you are required to contact all your freshmen every month. This includes inviting them to all freshmen centered events, periodically checking in with them, and setting up meetings with them on campus and/or outside of school. Leaders will be required to keep a contact log with all their freshmen.

   __ I will fulfill all responsibilities in all Link Crew related activities.
   __ I will read and respond to all emails and Remind texts related to Link Crew.

2. Show respect
   __ I will deal with people and situations in a way that reflects positively on San Clemente High School.
   __ I will set a good example with my behavior — in and out of school, including all social media outlets.
   __ I will actively curtail bullying, especially against freshmen.

3. Show enthusiasm
   __ I will display a positive and spirited attitude toward our school.
   __ I will help freshmen see what a great place San Clemente High School is.

San Clemente High School’s Link Crew Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy

Each selected member of San Clemente High School’s Link Crew understands that the following policy exists. Any inappropriate behavior — including but not exclusively limited to possession of drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, or tobacco; or use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco—that comes to the Link Crew Coordinators’ attention will result in an immediate review of said behavior and could lead to a leader’s removal from Link Crew. SCHS’s Link Crew has a two-strike system. At the first offense, the student is suspended from Link Crew for 20 weeks. At the end of this suspension, the student may re-apply to Link Crew. If the student has another offense, he or she will be removed from Link Crew permanently. These strikes accrue for the student’s entire time in Link Crew. This policy adheres to San Clemente High School’s Student Code of Conduct as well as Link Crew’s philosophy that Link Crew Leaders “be a presence on campus as models of positive behavior”.

As a San Clemente High School Link Crew Leader, I understand these policies and the consequences if I choose to violate them. I am aware that failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in my dismissal as a Link Crew Leader.

Student Name: ____________________________

Student Signature: _________________________ Date: __________

Parent Signature: _________________________ Date: __________
Link Crew New Leader Application

Full Name: ________________________________ Graduation Year (circle one): 2018 2019

Current GPA (circle one):

4.0 or above  3.9 – 3.5  3.4 – 3.0  2.9 – 2.5  2.4 – 2.0  1.9 or below

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Languages Spoken Fluently: ____________________________________________________________

Extracurricular Activities – Please check all extracurricular activities that you are involved in at SCHS (include current and potential future activities).

☐ ASB
☐ AVID
☐ Auto Academy
☐ Drama
☐ Sports (List): ______________________________________________
☐ Music Programs (List):__________________________________________
☐ Clubs (List): ________________________________________________
☐ Other Academic Programs (List): ________________________________
☐ After School Job (List): _______________________________________
Link Crew New Leader Application (Page 2)

Rank the following reasons for why you want to join Link Crew (#1 should be your primary reason)

- It looks great on a college application.
- I want to have a positive impact on our school.
- I care about helping freshmen in their first year of high school.
- I have friends applying for Link Crew.
- I am looking forward to gaining leadership skills/training.

Please answer the following questions. Answers need to be typed and submitted on a separate piece of paper. Responses should be no more than one page.

1. Why do you believe that a freshmen transition program, like Link Crew, is important at our school?

2. Why do you believe that you would make a good Link Crew leader?

3. Why is it important to maintain a relationship with your freshmen throughout the year and how would you ensure you maintained a good relationship with them?

4. Imagine that you are a Link Crew leader and see a freshmen being bullied by an upperclassmen. What do you do?

5. Imagine that you are a Link Crew leader talking to your group of assigned freshmen. One freshman is not paying attention to you and keeps pulling out his/her phone. When you ask him/her if he/she could pay attention, he/she snaps back, "I didn't want to come to this dumb orientation anyway!" What do you do?

6. Is there anything else that you would like us to know about you?

Teacher Recommendations: Each new applicant for Link Crew must have 2 teacher recommendation forms turned into Ms. Dimperio. Please hand 2 teachers the attached forms (last 2 pages of this packet) and have them fill out the forms and return to Ms. Dimperio’s mailbox or classroom (P-13). These forms are confidential and need to be turned in separately from your application. Ms. Dimperio reserves the right to speak with teachers regarding recommendations and disqualifying appointed candidates based on negative teacher recommendations. Recommendation letters need to come from math, science, social science, or English teachers only. Ms. Dimperio and Mr. Dollar cannot be used as recommenders.

Group Interviews: Each applicant will participate in a group interview. Interviews will be March 20, from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm OR March 22, from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Please mark below the date that works best with your schedule. Please note, we will try to accommodate everyone’s schedule, however, you are not guaranteed the date that you pick. You will be notified of your time and date through School Loop.

☐ 5:00 – 6:00, Monday, March 20, 2017
☐ 3:00 – 4:00, Wednesday, March 22, 2017
Link Crew 2017-2018 Teacher Recommendation – Due March 16

Please fill out this form and return to Ms. Dimperio’s mailbox or classroom (P-13) by March 16. This form is confidential and must NOT be handed back to the student. These forms will be used to determine the student’s eligibility to be considered for a Link Crew Leader position.

Teacher’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Teachers: Please rate this student on a scale of 1-5 (1 being the lowest, 5 being the highest) and please feel free to add additional comments.

1. Student Involvement: How involved is this student in your classroom (participation, helps others, etc.)?

   1  2  3  4  5
   Comments: ________________________________________________________________

2. Respectfulness towards teachers and other students.

   1  2  3  4  5
   Comments: ________________________________________________________________

3. Work Ethic/Dedication: How hard does this student work and how dedicated is this student to your class?

   1  2  3  4  5
   Comments: ________________________________________________________________

4. Group Work: Does this student work well in small groups, partners, or with other students in general?

   1  2  3  4  5
   Comments: ________________________________________________________________

5. Leadership: Does this student demonstrate leadership skills?

   1  2  3  4  5
   Comments: ________________________________________________________________

6. Would you recommend this student to serve as a Link Crew Leader? Do you feel this student would represent SCHS well, act in a kind and responsible manner, and have their freshmen student’s best interest in mind?

   Comments: ________________________________________________________________

   ________________________________________________________________

Teacher Signature: _________________________________________________________
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    Comments: ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

11. Leadership: Does this student demonstrate leadership skills?

    1  2  3  4  5
    Comments: ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

12. Would you recommend this student to serve as a Link Crew Leader? Do you feel this student would represent SCHS well, act in a kind and responsible manner, and have their freshmen student’s best interest in mind?

    Comments: ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Teacher Signature: ______________________________________________________________________