**MORTAR BOARD**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Mortar Board is a national honor society recognizing college seniors for their exemplary scholarship, leadership, and service. Mortar Board provides opportunities for continued leadership development, promotes service to colleges and universities, and encourages lifelong contributions to the global community.

Each year, various outstanding students are chosen for membership in the Tolo Chapter of Mortar Board. The membership of Mortar Board is comprised of a diverse group of individuals who have excelled in their personal areas of interest.

Mortar Board is the oldest continuing honor society at the University of Washington, and membership is considered one of the highest student honors. Therefore we encourage individuals with distinguished ability and achievement in scholarship, leadership, and service to consider applying for membership.

*Mortar Board membership is an honor carrying a commitment.* Members are expected to be active participants in the chapter but are welcomed to contribute in a way that’s most appropriate for their talents. Over 100 years of Mortar Board service on the University of Washington campus have shown our members that Mortar Board is a wonderfully rewarding experience, and that the best way to foster such an experience is to commit time to the chapter.

**Application Instructions and Eligibility**:

Qualifications for active membership shall be based on distinguished ability and achievement in scholarship, leadership and service, and a commitment to promote the goals and purposes of Mortar Board. A candidate shall have at least a 3.3 overall g.p.a., and be at least in his/her junior year or the equivalent status in credits. The intended date for the candidate’s graduation shall be no sooner than the end of Autumn quarter 2018. All members initiated into Mortar Board may continue membership until their official collegiate graduation. Only applications from students enrolled at the University of Washington, Seattle campus will be considered.

The application has two parts: the Candidate Information and Waiver – which continues onto the next two pages - and the Confidential Packet. You are required to fill out the rest of this document and email the supporting papers and essay questions as an attachment. The attachments needed for your application are detailed on the following pages.

Additionally, we will be inviting finalists to noncompetitive group interviews that will take place during **Monday, February 5th, 2018 to Sunday, February 11th, 2018**. If selected as a finalist, you will receive an email notification on **Sunday, February 4th, 2018**, where you will have the opportunity to sign-up for **one** interview time slot. As part of the application process, **all finalists are required to participate in the interviews**. If you have scheduling difficulties, please contact mortarbd@uw.edu as soon as possible upon receipt of the e-mail notification above.

**Candidate Information:**

# Your application will include the following:

# Candidate Information Form (pg. 3)

# Confidentiality Waiver and Authorization Form (pg. 4)

# The following confidential packet of supporting papers:

1. Short Answer and Essay Questions (see pg. 5)

2. A copy of your University of Washington unofficial transcript.

3. A copy of your Winter 2018 visual schedules.

4. An ordered list of up to five activities or organizations you have been most involved with during your undergraduate career. Briefly describe your involvement for each.

5. A copy of your resume, including honors, if any.

All applications are due **Wednesday, January 31st, 2018 by 11:59 pm**. Send your completed application with these five attachments as an email to mortarbd@uw.edu with subject line “Completed Application” followed by your name.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, email the Membership Committee at mortarbd@uw.edu. We will respond as quickly as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Sarah Smith, Tim Adamson, and Emily Sawan

Membership Co-Chairs

mortarbd@uw.edu

**Candidate Information Form**

Name:

UW Student ID:

Contact Information

UW Email Address:

Permanent Email Address:

Contact Mailing Address:

Contact Phone Number:

Permanent Mailing Address:

Permanent Phone Number:

Academic Information

Major(s):

Minor(s):

Cumulative UW GPA:

Total UW credits:

Transfer institution\*:

Transfer credits\*:

Transfer GPA\*:

Graduation Year:

\*if applicable

How did you hear about Mortar Board? Please check whichever items apply

\_\_ email

\_\_ facebook

\_\_ teachers

\_\_ friend, if so who? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ flyers, posters, banners

\_\_ Mortar Board website

\_\_ other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# **Confidentiality Waiver and Authorization Form**

I understand that during the process of membership selection, members of Mortar Board will review my application and supporting materials. All information contained within my application materials will be kept strictly confidential during this process.

The information furnished in my application to Mortar Board is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and I authorize Mortar Board to obtain verification of information included in my application.

\*Signature: Date:

\*Type your name on the signature line and email this application to us (mortarbd@uw.edu) from your UW email account (@uw.edu). These two actions will count in replacement of a signature.

**Short-Answer Question**

Mortar Board requires a year-long commitment, and holds bi-weekly meetings. Additionally, each member is required to participate in two service activities per quarter. If accepted, how would you make time in your schedule to be an active member of Mortar Board? **100 words max.**

# **Essay Questions**

Please choose any **two** of the following questions. Please attach your numbered responses in a single-spaced separate word document or PDF. Simply number your responses; do not copy the questions into your response document. Keep the ideals of Mortar Board; Scholarship, Leadership, and Service in mind in your response to these questions. **250 words max per question.**

1. What has been your biggest leadership success? What has been the biggest obstacle you have faced in a leadership role? What have you learned from each of these experiences?

2. In what ways do you think you would provide a vital and diverse addition to the 2018/2019 Mortar Board class? Feel free to draw upon your past experiences, current situation, and future goals.

3. If you could start a club at the University of Washington, what club would you start and why? What would you hope to accomplish in this club by the end of the year?