

Deep Run High School

Yearbook Application 2026-2027

Commitment to Excellence

The Pride, our school yearbook publication, has the goal to define and record the school year in a poignant and provoking photographic historical record that creates lasting memories of student life, sports, academics, clubs, school community, and most importantly, the people who breathe life into our school. Members of the yearbook staff are entrusted to plan the yearbook from cover to cover. Under student leadership, we decide all content such as: interviews, photographs, writing, and design. All of these aspects are thoughtfully planned in a way to represent Deep Run High School, and it is a role that we take very seriously. We schedule and conduct underclassmen picture days, club picture day, and distribute pictures. We also sell and design student and business advertising that is published in our yearbook. We conduct surveys, and assemble all senior photos and data for senior credits. In short, we do it all. It's a lot of work, a lot of fun, incredibly rewarding, and an opportunity to participate in a real-world publishing experience. It's a fast-paced, deadline-oriented team of hard workers. Truth and trust are key elements of our mission for the yearbook.

We are currently accepting applications for new staff members who have proven photography, writing, and computer skills, excellent attendance, and high personal values and ethics. By applying for a position on the Deep Run yearbook staff, you are accepting a trusted role in recording our school's history, becoming a member of a team and a co-curricular activity that will require some after school hours and Saturday workdays for each deadline.

To join the yearbook staff, you must be enrolled in 1215 Photojournalism 1 Yearbook. In order to be enrolled in the above course, you are required to return the following signed application, all supplemental materials as indicated on the application, including teacher recommendations, and receive acceptance by the staff and yearbook adviser.

Yearbook is an elective that you may choose to take throughout your high school career. Many students on staff are returning members and enjoy how this class offers new learning opportunities with each passing year. Newly accepted staff members will be eligible to apply for leadership opportunities on the staff for the 2027-2028 school year if they choose to return.

The deadline to apply for initial consideration is **Wednesday, January 14th**. Students will be notified via email of their acceptance shortly after this date. Late applications will be considered on a space available basis. **Course space is limited, so please follow up with all those completing a teacher recommendation to ensure that your application is complete.**

For more information, contact Yearbook Adviser Mrs. Ashley Khimani via email:
aeckhimani@henrico.k12.va.us

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Complete the following information and return it to either Mrs. Ashley Khimani in RM 124 or turn this application in to your school counselor. Completed applications received by the deadline of **Wednesday, January 14th** will be prioritized. ***Student applicants should follow up with all necessary individuals to ensure a complete application is received.***

Student Full Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Current School: _____

Email Address (best to reach you at): _____

English Grade: MP1: _____ MP2 current: _____

Circle how many days you have been absent from this school year so far: 0 1 2 3 4 5+
(If more than 3, please explain below)

I. Personal Statement: In a typed, personal statement that is a minimum of a paragraph in length, tell us a little about yourself. Be sure to answer the following questions in your personal statement:

1. Why do you want to be a member of the yearbook staff?
2. What prior experience do you have that you believe could help you in this class?
3. What do you hope to learn in this class?
4. Of the following focuses in this class, which do you think would be your strength? Which would be your weakness? Why? (Focus areas include communication skills, collaboration with peers, layout and design, photography, writing, and business skills)

II. Photography: Submit at least one photo (in color) that you have taken that you consider to be a sample of your personal best.

III. Recommendations: Please list the names of the two teachers that you have asked to complete a recommendation for you. Please give each teacher a sheet (see below) so that they may complete the recommendation electronically. **You are responsible for following up on all recommendations.**

1. Teacher's Name: _____ Subject: _____
2. Teacher's Name: _____ Subject: _____

IV. Signature: By signing below, you agree to fulfill the Commitment to Excellence on the yearbook staff should you be chosen, and to represent the Deep Run High School yearbook in an honest and timely manner.

Student Signature

Date

V. Parent Endorsement: By signing below, you endorse your child's desire to be a member of the Deep Run High School yearbook staff, and you are aware of the Commitment of Excellence requirements.

Parent Signature

Date

Deep Run HS Yearbook: Teacher Recommendation

****Students, please fill the information below so that your teacher knows who they are making the recommendation for.**

Name of Applicant: _____ Grade Level: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Subject: _____

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<http://tinyurl.com/zktqn98>. Your feedback is very valuable in this application process, so we appreciate any additional commentary you can provide.

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