

MLWGS Graduation Regalia Guidelines

In alignment with the vision of Maggie L. Walker Governor's School graduates as "life-long learners who embrace the responsibility of citizenship, the value of ethical leadership, and the richness of diverse cultures," and to highlight successes they've achieved as members of enduring MLWGS organizations, the following guidelines apply to wearing regalia at commencement:

1. The wearing of cords, stoles, or other adornments at MLWGS graduation applies to cords for recognized MLWGS academic honor societies, and approved* regalia reflecting significant school-related leadership, service, or competitive achievement in enduring MLWGS organizations.
2. At commencement, each graduate may wear **one** honor cord, stole, or other approved* adornment which they've earned as a member of an enduring MLWGS organization. This achievement may have occurred during any year of the student's tenure at MLWGS.
3. In regard to honor cords for members of MLWGS academic honor societies, students who have met the requirements for and been inducted into recognized MLWGS academic honor societies qualify to wear the cord specified by that honor society if that cord is their chosen single item of regalia.
4. In regard to cords, stoles, and adornments associated with significant school-related leadership, service, or competitive achievement with other enduring MLWGS organizations, the faculty sponsor must submit a **Graduation Regalia Application** for approval*. The leadership team (or designated subcommittee) will review applications.
5. Faculty sponsors of honor societies and enduring MLWGS organizations for which honor violations disqualify a student for membership are responsible for providing a list of seniors who qualify to wear the approved adornment for their organization to the Graduation Coordinator **no later than one month before graduation**.
6. Students with honor violations during their junior or senior years will not be permitted to wear regalia associated with honor societies or enduring MLWGS organizations for which honor violations disqualify a student for membership since such a violation means that the student is no longer recognized as a member of that organization.
7. By the Friday following the senior deadline for community service hours (usually the third Monday in May), faculty sponsors must vet their graduates to ensure each has met the requirements specified in the organization's application for regalia. For seniors who are choosing to wear that organization's regalia as their single item of adornment at graduation, faculty sponsors are responsible for providing the corresponding approved adornments to the Graduation Coordinator **no later than two weeks before graduation**. *(No regalia should be given to students by the sponsor.)*
8. All approved graduation regalia will be distributed to students at the end of graduation rehearsal by the Graduation Coordinator. *(No regalia will be distributed before that day.)*
9. A description of approved regalia may be included in the commencement program.

MLWGS Graduation Regalia (**SAMPLE LIST**)

Cords

Gold Cord	<i>National Honor Society</i>
Rainbow Cord	<i>National Art Honor Society</i>
Royal Blue and Gold Cord	<i>National English Honor Society</i>
Light Blue and Gold Cord	<i>Mu Alpha Theta (Mathematics Honor Society)</i>
Green, Yellow, and Purple Cord	<i>Science National Honor Society</i>
Red, White and Blue Cord	<i>American Sign Language Honor Society</i>
Red, White, and Blue Cord	<i>French Honor Society</i>
Black, Red, and Gold Cord	<i>German Honor Society</i>
Green, White and Red	<i>Italian Honor Society</i>
Purple Cord	<i>Latin Honor Society</i>
White, Light Blue, and Red Cord	<i>National High School Slavic Honor Society</i>
Gold and Red Cord	<i>Spanish Honor Society</i>
	<i>Thomas Jefferson History National Honor Society</i>
	<i>Tri-M Music Honor Society</i>
	<i>Japanese National Honor Society</i>

Stoles

Kente Cloth	<i>Peer Mentors</i>
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Pins and Medallions

Medallion on blue ribbon	<i>We the People</i>
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MLWGS Graduation Regalia Application

Proposed Regalia for Commencement Exercises in June _____ [year].

*Please complete this application and **upload it to the designated folder on MLWGS Google Drive by the last school day in February** of the school year noted above. Sponsors of academic teams with spring competitions may submit an application prior to knowing whether the team will place.*

Name of enduring MLWGS organization: _____

Name(s) of faculty sponsor(s): _____

The proposed regalia would recognize the following (mark ALL that apply):

- Significant competition honor** earned as part of an enduring MLWGS organization
- Significant leadership** in an enduring MLWGS organization
- Significant service** in an enduring MLWGS organization

Briefly describe the competition honor, leadership, and/or service that this adornment will recognize seniors for achieving as part of your MLWGS organization. Please **be concise yet specific** about the details so that the significance of this achievement is clear.

Briefly describe the corresponding adornment proposed.

- Cord [Color(s): _____]
- Stole [Color(s): _____]
- Pin [Color(s): _____]
- Medallion

By signing this application, you acknowledge that you have read the MLWGS Graduation Regalia Guidelines, and that

- the proposed regalia adheres to the guidelines,
- should this application be approved, you will vet your senior members by the May deadline to ensure they've fulfilled all the expectations stipulated above,
- and you will submit the names of vetted seniors who've chosen to wear the adornment for your organization as their single item of regalia, along with the appropriate number of approved adornments, to the Graduation Coordinator by the corresponding deadlines.

You further understand that this application is subject to review by the MLWGS leadership team (or a designated subcommittee).

Sponsor's/Coach's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Thank you for your work in sponsoring this MLWGS student organization.