

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Please, thoroughly read the following criteria. If you feel that you meet these requirements, please continue to complete and submit the National Honor Society application.

The following criteria are requirements a student (Junior or Senior) must meet in order to be considered eligible to be a member of NHS. You must qualify in **all** four areas:

1. **Scholarship** : having met the minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2
2. **Service**: providing service to the school
3. **Leadership**: being a leader to peers in activities and in the classroom
4. **Character**: exhibiting those exemplary character traits that set someone above the ordinary student.

A faculty committee will review your application form and the evaluation forms from teachers and activity advisors to determine if your service, leadership, and character qualify you for membership.

The specific criteria the faculty will use in this evaluation is as follows:

1. Scholarship: a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2
2. Service:
 - A. Service to School (since this is a school-related organization, you must qualify in this area to be considered.)
 - a. Juniors must not plan to graduate at the end of their junior year.
 - b. Has been actively involved in 2 school activities for a minimum of 2 years.
 - c. Is presently actively involved in school activities or has been this year.
 - B. Service to Community
 - a. Is an active participant in an activity outside of school: Boy/Girl Scouts, volunteer services.
3. Leadership:
 - A. Activities
 - a. Assumes full responsibility as an officer or leader of an activity.
 - b. Promotes the activity in a positive way, leads others to also assume a positive attitude.
 - c. Is reliable and dependable.
 - B. Academics:
 - a. Leads others by being dependable in all academic responsibilities, including class behavior, assignments, and discussions.

- b. Leads others by example, demonstrating academic initiative.
4. Character:
- a. has no major infractions of rules (school or civil) that resulted in suspensions or arrests.
 - b. Upholds principles of morality and ethics.
 - c. Complies with school regulations included in the student handbook.
 - d. Shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others – both peers and adults (including all staff members).
 - e. Demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability.

This needs to be submitted by 3:30 pm on January 14, 2026. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Once applications have been received and reviewed, you will be contacted about teacher recommendations. You do not need to request teacher recommendations until you have heard more from Mr. Ryan Kelly (NHS Advisor).

Special note to juniors being considered:

A junior inducted into NHS automatically becomes part of the chapter as a senior. This entails attending any meetings and participating in any service projects as requested by the NHS sponsor. It is important that you are aware of and willing to accept the responsibility that goes along with this honor. If chosen, you must agree to the following:

1. I will maintain a minimum cumulative average GPA of 3.2.
2. I will continue to serve my school in a leadership position.
3. I will act as an example of integrity and good citizenship for my fellow students.
4. I will attend chapter meetings.
5. I will attend the induction ceremony for next year's inductees.

**I understand that if I do not meet these requirements,
my membership in NHS can be revoked.**

Please direct all questions concerning NHS to Ryan Kelly – rkelly@geneseoschools.org.