

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is National Honor Society (NHS)?

NHS is a nationwide high-school service organization. There are four main pillars of NHS - scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Your membership is for the duration of your high school career.

What is the application process like?

As a minimum requirement, you must have a 3.5 or higher cumulative GPA to apply. You will fill out an application where you will list your extracurricular activities, leadership positions, and community service hours. YOU DO NOT SUBMIT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION! A faculty council (made up of 5 teachers) will review and score your application. You will be notified if you have been accepted or not via email by Mrs. Hedric.

Do I have to have community service hours to apply?

NHS is a community service organization and one of the application sections is for your service hours. Although you can submit an application with little to no service hours, you will not receive a great score for that category, which would affect your overall score. Most applicants have 20+ service hours in varying areas (sports, school, church, scouts, etc.).

I applied last year and didn't get in. Can I apply this year?

Yes! If you are currently a junior who applied as a sophomore, you can apply again.

What are the benefits of joining?

If you are accepted, you will attend a special induction ceremony where you will receive a membership pin and card. You will get to wear an honor cord at graduation and will be eligible to apply for certain scholarships. Additionally, you get to serve your school and community!

What do you do in NHS?

National Honor Society members are required to earn 10 service hours per year. There are several ongoing service opportunities you can participate in, like concession stands, making cards for nursing homes, and teacher appreciation signs. Each NHS member is also required to complete an individual service project yearly. NHS meetings are about once a month after school.