



Applying to NHS

Information for Potential Applicants



How you were identified

- Applicants must be a junior or a senior.
- You must have a cumulative, weighted grade point average of at least 3.85.

Note: Invitation to apply, nor submission of application materials, DOES NOT guarantee membership.

Criteria for Selection

- Completion of Candidate Information Form
- **ON TIME** submission of **fully complete** Student Information & Activity Form to Mrs. Palmieri in A201
 - NOTE: Deadline is **2:30 Wednesday, September 11th**
- Positive evaluations from faculty & staff members with whom you have interacted at the high school
 - No evidence of suspensions, administrative discipline, cheating, or plagiarism

Acquiring Your Letter of Recommendation

- Select someone whom you have known for at least 2 years who DOES NOT work for North Hills.
- Give your recommender the Recommender & AN ENVELOPE addressed to MRS. PALMIERI.
- Remind your recommender that s/he must seal your recommendation in the envelope and sign across the seal.
- DO NOT WAIT until the last minute.

Filling Out the Application

- Be as thorough as possible; this is your chance to show me and the Faculty Advisory Committee who you are and what makes you a worthy member.
- **DO NOT LEAVE SERVICE or LEADERSHIP SECTIONS BLANK!**
- Signatures & phone numbers are **required**.
- **DO NOT WAIT** until the last minute.

Demonstrating Character & Leadership

- National Honor Society is NOT just an academic organization; **you have to be able to show MORE . . .**
- Ask parents, coaches, teachers, bosses, mentors to help you brainstorm your best qualities and leadership roles.
- Think beyond “President” or “Captain” for Leadership examples.
- Use SPECIFIC examples to SHOW.

Demonstrating Service

- NHS Membership largely revolves around participation in SERVICE-oriented activities.
- 10 HOURS required EACH year of membership to stay active
- We want to see that you have a history of participation in service-related activities and an interest in serving others.
- You MUST include names, phone numbers, & signatures.

Writing Your Personal Statement

- Follow directions: You are to write about a **SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE**.
- Be sure to show how the experience demonstrates **ONE** of the tenets of NHS: leadership, service, or character.
- Limit your writing to approximately 1 double-spaced page. **PROOFREAD** and **EDIT** for errors.
- **DO NOT WAIT** until the last minute.

After You Submit Your Application . . .

- Faculty & Staff will review all names of applicants to identify any disciplinary, character or academic integrity issues
- Incomplete Applications (those lacking Personal Statements or Letters of Recommendation) will be discarded.
- The Faculty Advisory Committee will meet to review applications & Faculty & Staff Evaluations
- Acceptance & Rejection Letters will be mailed in early October
- Induction for Provisional Members is **October 30th at 7PM**