



Election to membership in the National Honor Society represents the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a high school student. The National Honor Society recognizes students for outstanding SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, and CHARACTER. Membership in the society is indicative that the student is demonstrating and promoting all of these qualities, and is exerting an effort to improve conditions in the school and community. Meeting the grade point average requirement is not the sole criterion for acceptance into the National Honor Society.

Schools that select members solely on the basis of scholarship are placing their chapters in jeopardy since it violates the constitution of the NHS. Evidence that you meet the qualifications of LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, and CHARACTER are necessary to be eligible for membership.

Membership

Students in grades 10, 11 & 12 receive invitations to join based on Scholarship (a 3.75 cumulative GPA). Once a student submits the attached forms, the Faculty Council reviews them for evidence of outstanding character, leadership, and service, which are further defined as such:

Service

- Evidence of extra curricular activities at NDP and/or in the community (such as scouting, civic organizations, and church groups)

Leadership

- Positive, cooperative, dependable attitude toward involvement in the classroom as well as in the community

Character

- The student has not received three detentions and/or seven tardies in a semester
- Moral, cooperative, honest, respectful behavior at NDP and in the community

Candidacy does not automatically equate membership. Once the advisor process the candidates' information, the Faculty Council reviews each candidate and then votes (the advisors do not vote). Once selected, members have a responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities. Fully inducted members (juniors/seniors) who resign or are dismissed are no longer eligible for membership or its benefits; furthermore, they may not reapply for membership.

Membership Requirements

Please become familiar with the NHS membership requirements before completing and submitting this application. (www.ndpma.org/drupal/NHS)

Informational meetings for potential candidates only will be held on August 23, 2019. This will take place in the CAF at 6:45am and 2:50pm, though you only need attend once. You will receive information on the candidate process, have a chance to ask questions, or simply turn in your candidate packet at that time.

All materials must be turned in no later than 3:00 pm on ***Tuesday, September 3, 2019*** to

Mrs.Pittel or Mr. Lilek. Applications must be completely filled out and the typed personal responses must be stapled to it. **LATE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

I. Personal Data:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Graduation Year (*circle one*): 2019 2020 2021

***For all sections, please limit responses to no earlier than the eighth grade. You may add columns or use additional paper as needed.**

I. Recognition and Awards

List any honors or recognitions you have received.

Recognition or Award	Grade(s)	How did you achieve this honor or award?

II. Character Evaluation: NHS members are not permitted to incur an excess of 3 detentions and/or 7 tardies in either semester. Please be forthcoming in listing the discipline infractions you incurred last year to the best of your memory. The Faculty Council will verify them against your discipline record from the main office.

Tardies	Detentions

III. Personal Responses

Use MLA format, type, and attach your responses to this application form.

For each, write 150-200 words that will allow the Faculty Council to know you better.

a. Service, Character, and Leadership (150-200 words)

Discuss your experiences in school and community programs (athletics, school and local clubs, service, etc.). Show how your involvement has affected you in terms of service, character, and leadership.

b. Personal Statement (150-200 words)

Why do you want to be in the NHS, and which talents do you bring to the organization?

IV. Teacher Recommendations

See the following page for the recommendation form. Print three copies and politely request a recommendation from three of your previous teachers. You must include recommendation from those who taught you last year, even if it was only one semester. Print a separate form for each teacher. Teachers will submit these recommendations directly to the NHS advisors.

V. Please complete the signature section below:

I understand that submitting this information does not guarantee membership in the Fr. Joseph Hindelang Chapter of the National Honor Society.

I have read the membership responsibilities and fully understand that if offered membership, I will uphold all responsibilities of the National Honor Society.

Student Signature

Date

I have read the information provided by my student on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete.

Parent Signature

Date

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO THE ADVISER (NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 AT 3PM. LATE MATERIALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.)

NHS Teacher Recommendation Form
(please print 3 of these forms-one for each recommending teacher)

The student is a candidate for membership in the NHS. We ask for your help in determining character, leadership, and service for this student. Your insight will greatly assist us.

N = not observable 1 = poor 2 = needs improvement 3 = excellent

Student name: _____

Teacher name: _____

Number of semesters you previously taught this student: _____

Character

- | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| N | 1 | 2 | 3 | Shows respect for school policy |
| N | 1 | 2 | 3 | Demonstrates Christian values |
| N | 1 | 2 | 3 | Displays appropriate behavior in your classroom |
| N | 1 | 2 | 3 | Shows concern for teachers and students |
| N | 1 | 2 | 3 | Demonstrates the spirit of unselfishness |

Leadership

- | | | | | |
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| N | 1 | 2 | 3 | Takes a constructive lead in your class |
| N | 1 | 2 | 3 | Demonstrates reliability (in assignments, discussions, behavior) |
| N | 1 | 2 | 3 | Shows concern toward own achievement |

Service

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| N | 1 | 2 | 3 | Readily assists in the classroom |
| N | 1 | 2 | 3 | Shows an interest in helping others |
| N | 1 | 2 | 3 | Believes no task is beneath his/her status |

Is there anything else we should take into consideration regarding this candidate?

Do you recommend this candidate for NHS membership?

- Yes, without hesitation
- I recommend a year of growth.
- No

Teacher Signature _____

Please return to either Ms. Pittel or Mr. Lilek no later than Tuesday, September 3.