

APPLICATION WORKSHOP

National Honor Society

Adviser: Mrs. Cinquini

LHS Website → Activities → National Honor
Society

What is NHS?

- Honor Society
 - You must keep your GPA above 3.5
- Service Organization
 - You must tutor in the EXCEL program
 - You must complete additional service independently
- Collection of school leaders
 - You must maintain the highest level of personal excellence
 - We meet once a month at lunch in the Rotunda!

Deadlines

- **Friday, February 28, at 3:30pm**
- Must be in Mrs Cinquini's mailbox in main office no later than 3:30 pm. **Late applications are not accepted**
- Decision letters mailed after spring break.
- Induction Ceremony for accepted applicants: Tuesday, May 12, at 7pm. New members arrive at 6:30.

Core Values

Scholarship (we use your GPA)

Leadership

Service

Character

Your application provides
evidence to convince Faculty
Council you embody these values

Scoring Criteria

- Applications will receive three scores, one for each core value, on a 4-point scale.
- Scores will be added to GPA for max. 16 points
- Need 12+ points from a majority of 5-member Faculty Council to be invited to join NHS.
- Those Sophomores not meeting minimum scores who continue to achieve will be invited to reapply for next year.

Scoring Criteria

- Five members of the Faculty Council will read your application and rate you on core values:
 - 4 – I am convinced that the applicant is **an exceptional model** of this value
 - 3 – I believe that the applicant **regularly demonstrates** this value
 - 2 – I believe that the applicant **sometimes demonstrates** this value
 - 1 – I think the applicant **may demonstrate** this value
 - 0 – The applicant **did not mention** this value

Application Part I

For each activity you provide:

- Indicate year(s) involved
- Rate your level of involvement (ABCD)
 - A = Leadership position
 - B = Sometimes take on leadership role
 - C = Regular attendance
 - D = Occasional attendance
- Include explanation of accomplishments
- **Link each activity to at least one NHS core value**
- You may add additional pages if needed

Link each activity to a value

Poor example

I volunteered at a nursing home one day a week last summer. I talked to the residents, kept them company and ran activities.

Good example

I volunteered at a nursing home one day a week last summer. I talked to the residents, kept them company and ran activities. **This shows my character and leadership because I know the value of connecting with people from an older generation. I also organized a group of my friends to come with me on several weeks.**

Application Part II

Write an essay that highlights specifically how you embody the National Honor Society values of leadership, service, and character in a way that might not be apparent from Part I of the application.

- You may address 1 or more key values described in scoring guide.
- Please limit to space provided.
- This is your opportunity to fill any gaps that might exist in Part I

What Next?

- Download digital application from website
 - LHS homepage → Activities → National Honor Society
- Compile list of activities as evidence of values
- Write essay to address weakest core value(s)
- Check in with current members to help review your application if you wish.
- **Turn in application BEFORE 3:30pm on February 28. No late applications accepted!**