

## National Honor Society Membership Qualifications

### Scholarship

Students are eligible to apply for the WHS chapter of NHS membership if they demonstrate academic achievement through their grade point average.

**Junior Year Induction GPA Requirement:** A cumulative grade point average of 3.650 must be earned for completed classes during freshman, sophomore, and first semester of junior years. Full year classes during one's junior year do not count towards GPA eligibility.

Grade point average will not be rounded to meet the minimum requirement.

### Leadership

According to the National Honor Society standards, the student who exercises leadership:

- is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
- exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- is able to delegate responsibilities
- exemplifies positive attitudes
- inspires positive behavior in others
- demonstrates academic initiative
- successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility; conducts business effectively and efficiently; and demonstrates reliability and dependability
- is a leader at work and in school or community activities
- is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted
- is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.

The WHS chapter of the NHS encourages all incoming applicants and current members to hold a leadership position in some activity while in high school. By WHS standards, a leadership position requires that the student be responsible for overseeing a group of people. Current and former leadership positions will factor in towards an applicant's eligibility. Leadership positions in organizations outside of school count towards this requirement.

## **Service**

The National Honor Society standards require that a student:

- volunteers and provides dependable and well organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition
- participates in some activity outside of school: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, youth groups affiliated with religious institutions, volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged
- mentors persons in the community or students at other schools
- shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

The WHS chapter of the NHS requires members to participate in a variety of WHS activities but also to serve the greater community outside of the school.

## **Character**

Each eligible student will be evaluated by the faculty and administration according to the National Honor Society standards for good character, which state the student of character:

- takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)
- upholds principles of morality and ethics
- cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- shows courtesy, concern and respect for others; observes instructions and rules
- exhibits concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies
- manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others
- actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment

Character will automatically be questioned by events leading to suspension from school, consistent lateness, cheating, or other offenses brought forth by a member of the faculty or administration. If someone deems a student's character not sufficient, that opinion will be discussed with the student's current teachers, counselor, or principal, and the relevant information will be forwarded to the Faculty Council for consideration.

## APPLICATION AND MEMBERSHIP

A list of eligible juniors will be posted on the guidance bulletin board. Students wishing to apply for the WHS chapter of the NHS are responsible for completing a resume following the required sample format that will be provided in the guidance office or advisor's classroom. Resumes are to be turned in directly to the NHS advisor(s) no later than 2 weeks from the initial posting date. Any applicant resumes turned in after the 2 week time period will be deemed ineligible.

The Faculty Council, advisors, and building principal will evaluate the requirements of scholarship, leadership, service, and character for each eligible candidate. Final selection of the National Honor Society is the responsibility of the Faculty Council and building principal.

All National Honor Society members are expected to maintain membership requirements of the National Honor Society, including GPA, and to take part in the required National Honor Society group and individual service projects. The Faculty Council may dismiss any member failing to fulfill these obligations. Dismissal will result in the removal of the NHS designation from school records and, depending on the severity of the infraction, possible notification of colleges to which a student applied.