

Name: _____

Graduation Year: _____

St. John's Chapter of the National Honor Society Application Packet

Enclosed is the application for the National Honor Society. Please read all materials carefully and see Mr. Van if you have additional questions. A digital copy of this application can be found on the school website under 'Student Life' > 'National Honor Society'. Good luck!

1. I am aware that I am eligible for consideration for membership in the National Honor Society based upon my current cumulative grade point average.
2. I am aware that membership in the National Honor Society is based upon a multi-criteria selection procedure. A high academic average, in and of itself, is no guarantee of membership in the National Honor Society. NHS membership is based on scholarship, leadership, character and service.
3. I have viewed a summary of the procedures by which academically eligible students are considered and selected for National Honor Society membership.
4. I have had an opportunity to ask questions and to receive clarifications about the selection procedures and the criteria which will be used to determine whether or not I am selected for membership in the National Honor Society.
5. I am aware that I must complete this application packet AND this acknowledgement sheet (signed by my parent(s)/guardian(s)) and return them to the advisor on or before the announced deadline. If I do not wish to be considered further for membership in the National Honor Society, I will submit a written request to that effect to the advisor by the announced deadline.
6. I understand that completion of these forms does not guarantee membership but that I am being considered for membership in the National Honor Society. I am also aware of the existence of an appeal procedure.
7. All criteria for this application must be met by this date, **INCLUDING SERVICE HOURS** (minimum 50 hours for Juniors; 70 hours for Seniors) and GPA requirements. *NOTE: This means that service hours must be fully submitted to Mrs. Splaine by the due date below.*

Student Signature

Date

I/We as parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above-named student have read the written description of the selection procedures by which students are selected for membership in the National Honor Society. I/We realize that a student must meet all criteria for selection: academic average alone does not qualify a student for membership in the National Honor Society. I/We agree to let the above-named student participate in the consideration and selection procedures.

Parent or Guardian

Date

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National Honor Society Application

Application Directions:

Please complete all sections. Do not be modest. All information can be used by the faculty council to assist with the selection process. *Completion of this form does not guarantee selection.*

Please type or print responses clearly in pen. The form will not be accepted otherwise. A copy of this application is available on the St John’s website if you prefer to type your information.

Administrative Information

Full Name:	Grade:
High Schools attended other than S.J.C.P.	

Essay Prompt #1: One of the qualities that we look for in NHS members is character. Below are two quotations. Choose one and compose an essay of 300 words or less explaining how this relates to your life, to choices you make, to goals that you set or difficulties that you have faced. Attach the typed essay WITH your name included.

“I prefer to be true to myself, even at the hazard of incurring the ridicule of others, rather than to be false, and to incur my own abhorrence.”

- Frederick Douglass

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Extracurricular Activities:

List all activities in which you have participated during high school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc. and major accomplishments in each.

Activity	Year 9 10 11 12	Accomplishments

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Leadership Positions:

List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community, or work activities. Only those positions in which you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. For example, elected student body, class, or club officer; committee chairperson; team captain; newspaper editor; work area manager; or community leader.

Leadership Position	Year				Activity or Organization
	9	10	11	12	

Leadership may also be demonstrated in ways other than elected and appointed positions. Please read the description of leadership in the bylaws, which can be found on the web site under ‘Student Life’> ‘Honor Society’.

Essay Prompt #2: After reading the description of leadership in the NHS bylaws, please describe in 150 words or less a leadership experience that you have had OR leadership qualities that you possess and how they relate to the NHS’s expectations for leadership. Attach typed essay with your name included.

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Community Activities:

List community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment in each. These should be any activities outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community. For example: church groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, volunteer groups, or community art endeavors. Include in this section any service projects that fulfill the Maryland graduation requirement. Each activity must be signed by the sponsor of the activity, not a parent, friend, guardian, etc. Include a phone number where the sponsor may be reached during the daytime. A signature is not required if the activity has been submitted to St John’s for service hours.

Community Activity	Year	No. of Hours total or per week	Major Accomplishment	Signature of Adult Sponsor

Work Experience, Recognition and Awards:

List below any job experiences, honors, or recognitions that you have received which support your bid to be selected for membership in the National Honor Society. Work experiences may be paid or volunteer.

Honors, Awards, Experience	Year	Activity or Group	Number of hours spent on job or activity

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