

# National Honor Society Selection Process

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The annual selection process for National Honor Society (NHS) membership begins after the first semester typically in late February to early March. All academically eligible Bellevue Christian School (BCS) students are invited to complete a *Candidate's Form*<sup>1</sup>. These forms can be found in Mr. Johnson's classroom, G103. Members will be selected from eligible candidates by a five-member faculty council. Eligibility criteria include leadership, service, character, and scholarship.

The following selection procedures are followed at Bellevue Christian School:

1. Sophomores and Juniors are eligible to apply for NHS membership.
2. Students' academic records will be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility. The minimum grade point average for selection, starting the school year of 2020-2021, is 3.50.
3. Academically eligible students need to see Mr. Johnson in person or via a remote meeting to receive an application to be considered for NHS.
4. Students will be responsible for knowing whether or not they are eligible to join NHS. Invitations to join will **no longer be mailed** to students; rather, each student who is interested needs to seek out Mr. Johnson to receive an application form, as well as any other questions they may have about the NHS.
5. The NHS seeks to recognize student character and student leadership. For this reason, students will show initiative by following through with deadlines for applying to NHS, as well as attending all club meetings after being accepted.
6. A two-week deadline will be set by which students need to return the completed Candidate's form. Forms will be accepted, when delivered to the Honor Society advisor, until 3:10 pm on the published due date. For the 2020-2021 school year, **the deadline for applications is Friday, March 12, 2021.**
7. Timely submission of the *Candidate's Form* and timely confirmation of the membership will be considered indications of character and leadership which are essential membership criteria. Therefore, missing published deadlines will be grounds for non-acceptance into the NHS.

8. The faculty council will review the *Candidate's Form* along with other verifiable information about each candidate.
9. Each candidate receiving a majority vote of the faculty council will be invited to become a member of the Bellevue Christian School chapter #13,763.
10. Billing for NHS will go through the Finance office. In September of the school year following entrance into NHS, the fee will automatically be assessed by the Finance office, rather than collected separately.
11. Induction of new NHS members takes place at the NHS induction ceremony in April following faculty meeting to consider all applicants. Acceptance letters will be mailed out and/or given to students physically in early April. An NHS Induction Ceremony will take place each year, usually in mid-April, on a school night, to celebrate new inductees. Attendance at this ceremony is mandatory for all new inductees AND all current members of NHS. Parents are also encouraged to attend this celebration. More information with details will be emailed in advance of this event each year.

At the graduation ceremony, senior class members of the Honor Society in good standing may wear a yellow cord provided by the school, signifying their NHS membership. In this way, students are stimulated and encouraged to respect scholarship and to demonstrate academic excellence. It is a testimony to fine personal qualities: service, character, and leadership, as well as scholarship. In addition to recognition of these qualities, being a member will aid in receiving scholarships and fellowships.