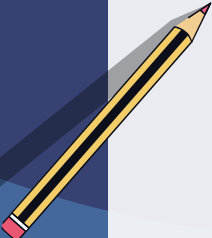




2022 NHS Selection Process

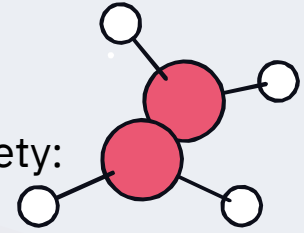
What you need to know
before you apply

Introduction



The National Honor Society elevates a school's commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These four pillars have been associated with membership in the organization since its inception in 1921.

Selection into NHS is a privilege earned through the effective demonstration of the four qualities that serve as standards for the Society:

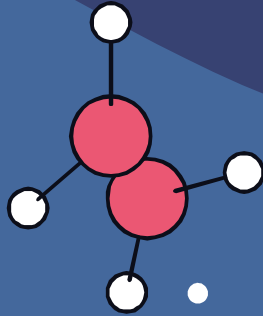


01 **Scholarship**

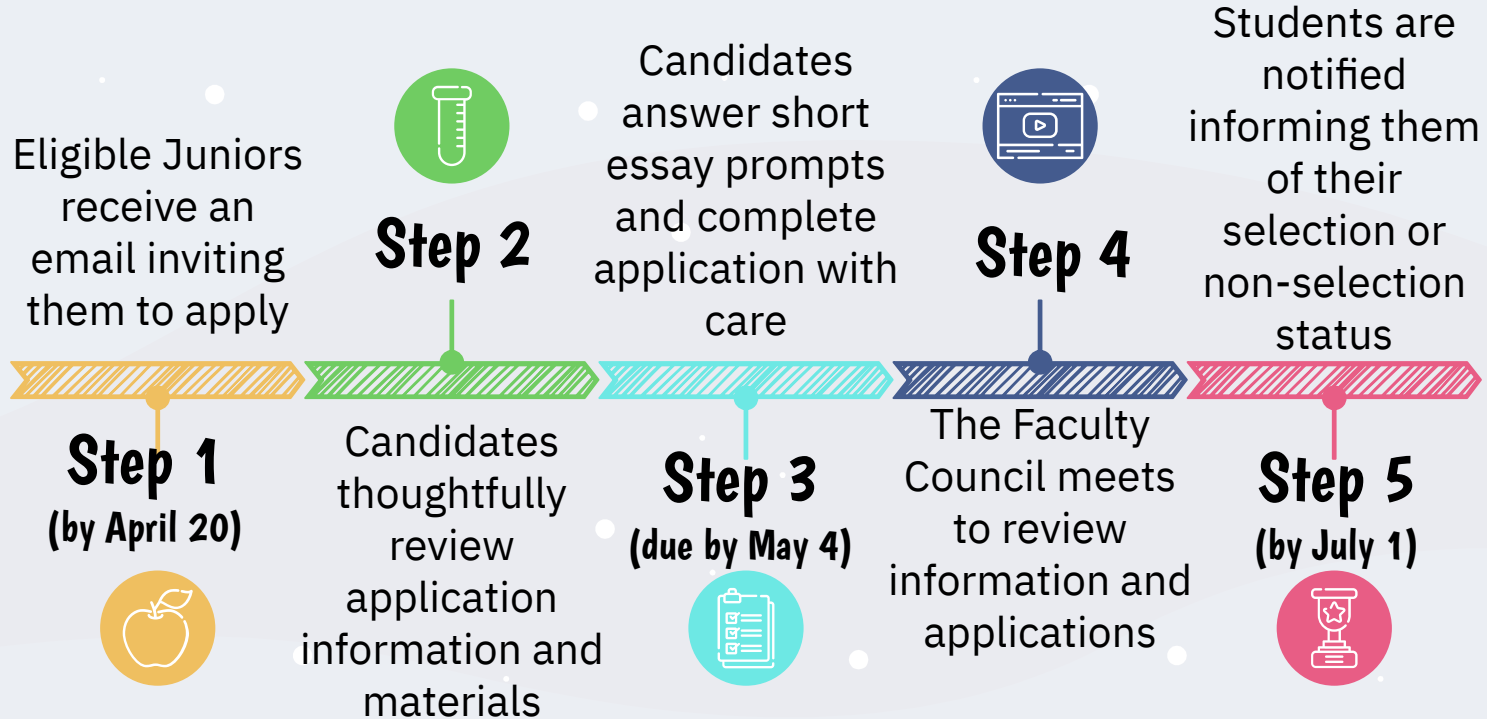
02 **Leadership**

03 **Service**

04 **Character**



Process



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**Who can
apply?**

Eligible Juniors will receive an email inviting them to apply:

85

cumulative average

****In 2023, it will change to 90 CWA****

full semester

must have attended St. Joseph's for at least one full semester



A cumulative average of 85 or above meets the qualification for scholarship.

The rest of the selection process is designed to evaluate whether or not the applicants fulfill the qualities of leadership, service, and character.

Service

Leadership



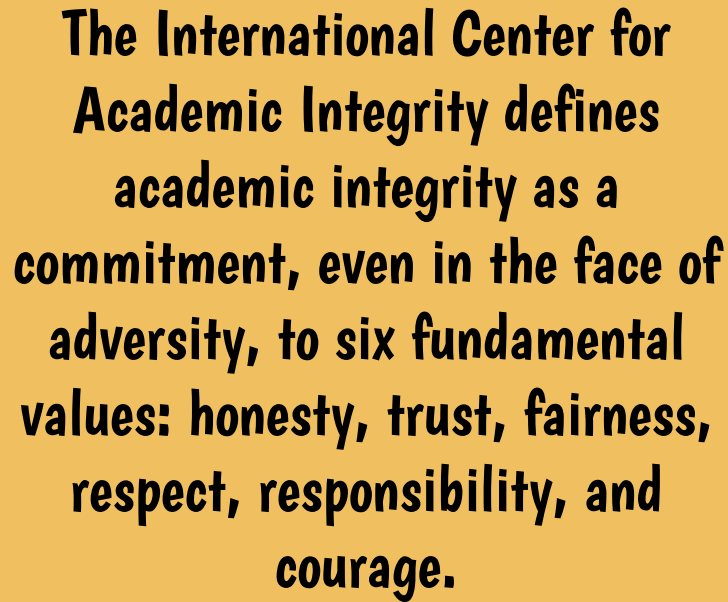
Character

If, after receiving the email and beginning the application process, a candidate

- falls below 85 (i.e. at the end of 2nd semester) and/or
- is disciplined for Academic Integrity,

that candidate will no longer meet the criteria for scholarship or character and **will not be eligible to be inducted into NHS.**





**The International Center for
Academic Integrity defines
academic integrity as a
commitment, even in the face of
adversity, to six fundamental
values: honesty, trust, fairness,
respect, responsibility, and
courage.**




Academic Integrity

Cheating, plagiarism, and other Academic Integrity infractions are violations of school rules and the character criteria.

Academic Integrity violations from *sophomore year on* do not demonstrate character and therefore are considered *grounds for exclusion from NHS*.

However, Academic Integrity violations from *freshman* year do not *necessarily* mean automatic exclusion from NHS. If you have violations from freshman year, we encourage you to thoughtfully consider and articulate in your application how you have grown from your mistakes.



Consider Character

Character is not just Academic Integrity.

Please be aware that if you have had significant disciplinary issues in high school, then NHS may not be the club for you.

Your behavior at school and school-related events, are taken into account. This includes, but is not limited to, your behavior past and present in the classroom, in the library, in the cafeteria, and at all athletic and fine arts events. Character is not situational ethics.

Sleeping in class, rudeness, disrespect, and apathy experienced by staff or faculty members are examples of behavior that reveal a character that may not be consistently “honorable” and therefore needs more time to develop. In that case, NHS is not the right fit.

Discipline records and teachers' and coaches' recommendations are incorporated into the selection process.

If you qualify and think NHS may be for you, what do you need to do to apply?

Complete and submit the
National Honor Society Application
and Short Essays on time.

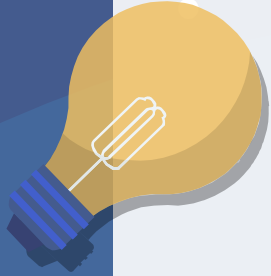
The application is submitted
digitally. No paper copies!

Late applications will not be
accepted.

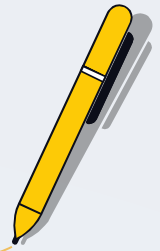
**Applications are due by
Wednesday, May 4 at 1:15pm.**



**Please
consider
these
Helpful Hints**



Planning ahead is a sign of an "honors" student



No late applications will be accepted.



Students, not parents, are expected to make all inquiries about NHS.



Gather all your information prior to starting the application. The sample application will be helpful in formulating your responses; consider using it as a draft.

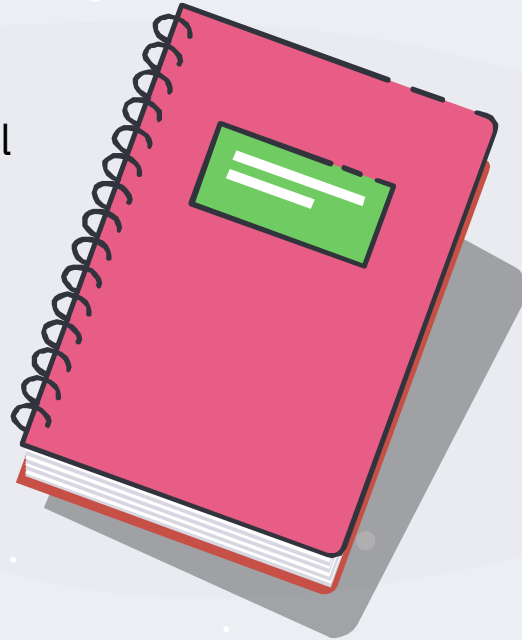


Email or come talk to Mme McCoy or Mrs. Weathers if you have a question.

Read the "General Description of Leadership, Service, and Character"

This document can be found under the National Honor Society description on the Co-Curricular Activities page on our school website.


It is also linked [HERE](#).





It is given to help you understand the criteria used in the selection process.

It will help you demonstrate how your activities show service and leadership


Put your best foot forward




Read the document detailing the short essay prompts. Thoughtfully respond to all four essay prompts on one Google Doc.



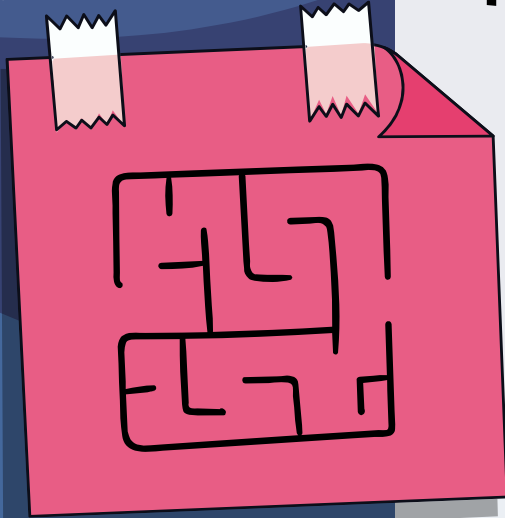
Be prepared to upload your Google Doc to the NHS Application, which is the Google Form emailed to you.



Fill out the NHS Application in its entirety with **effort and integrity.**



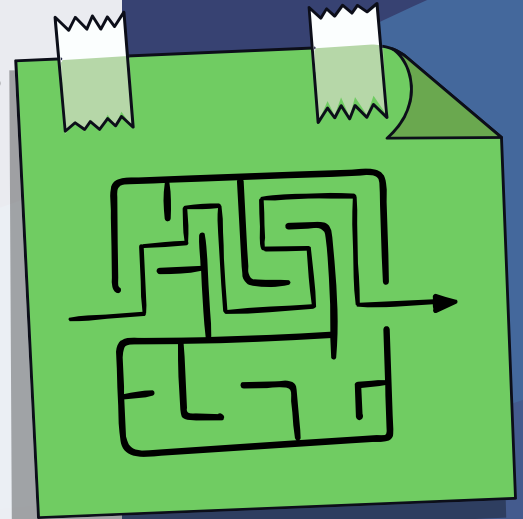
Show your commitment to Service above and beyond the school's requirement



← Do not include mandatory service projects such as Confirmation Class Projects or St. Joseph the Worker. Do not include babysitting your siblings.

→ INCLUDE what you do in the community outside of school.

INCLUDE church ministry under service activities, but do not include weekly worship.




Don't be shy; be proud!

Use specific details and examples to describe your activities and involvements.


This is your opportunity to show the Faculty Council, as well as yourself, how you spend your time and talents.

Therefore consider these points while filling out the application:







Include your service, leadership roles, co-curricular activities, and work experience. Brainstorm with your parents. Use the sample application as a draft.



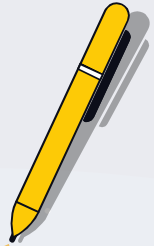
Since you may only list up to six (6) activities in each section, prioritize the ones you do list.



Church ministry may be included under service and community activities.



Do you show Leadership while you serve? Explain how!



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**Save your
responses!**


Saving a copy is important, because you will find it a helpful resource as you begin the college application process.

Once you submit your application, save the email with your responses.

Make a copy of your essays and save those too!

DO NOT ask the moderators for a copy of your application or for online access; it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to save your answers separately for future reference.

Review your application carefully

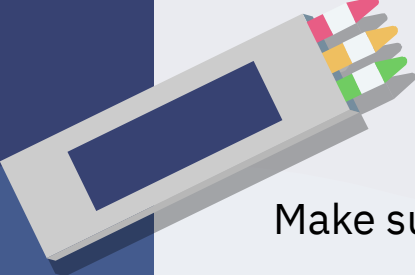


Double check to ensure that all information is accurate and complete.

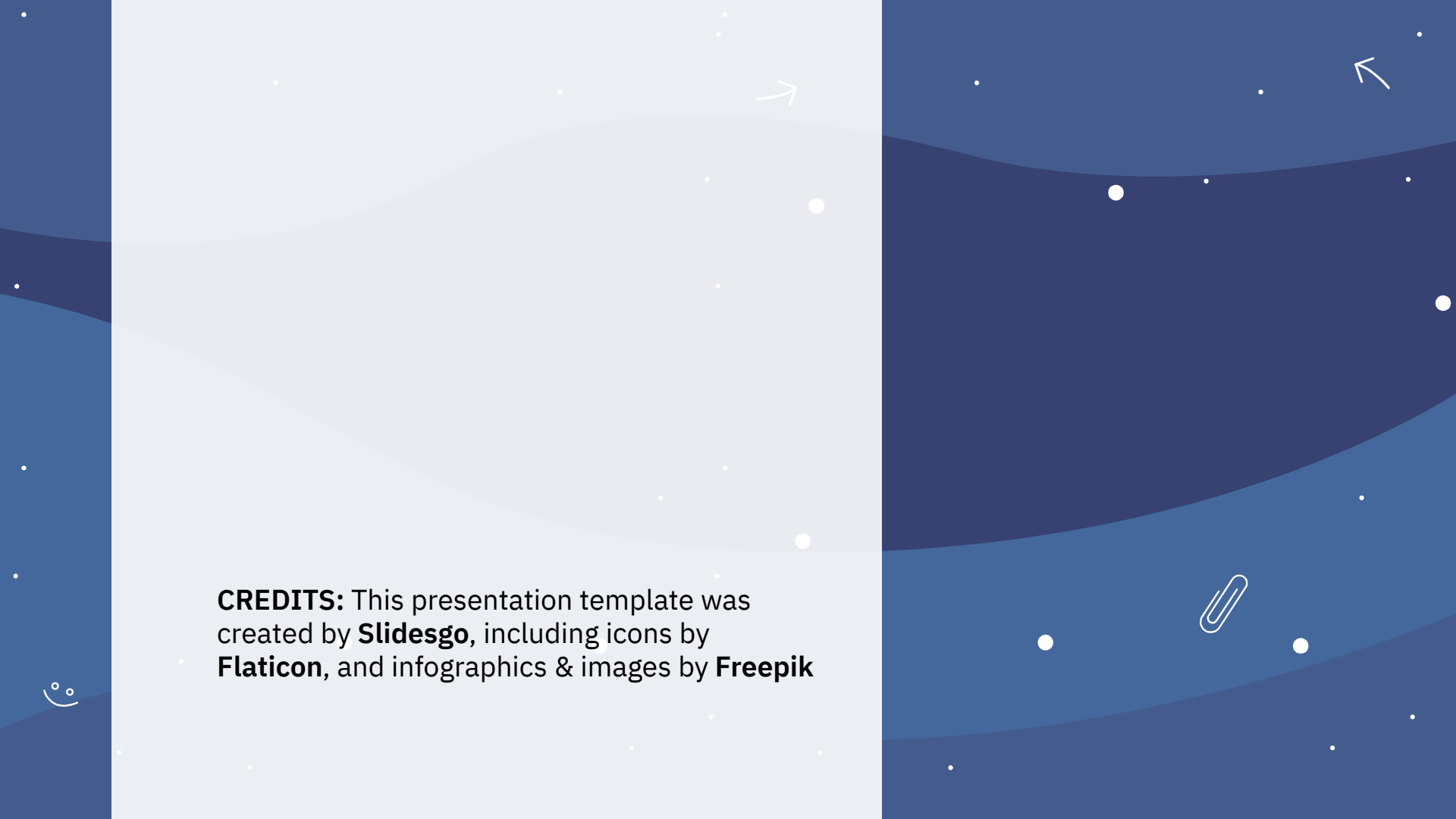
See Mme McCoy or Mrs. Weathers if you have any questions.

Attach your thoughtfully written essays.

Make sure both you and a parent “sign” the form.



Thank you for taking the time to consider National Honor Society. We look forward to receiving your applications and essays!



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