

Mt. Olive High School Chapter of the National Honor Society

** Selection Criteria Basics **

** Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) **

Junior and Senior students are permitted **by invitation only** to apply for membership in the Mt. Olive High School Chapter of the National Honor Society if they have met the following criteria:

- ★ **(for the graduating classes of 2022, 2023, and 2024)** Achieved a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better as of the end of marking period 1 during their Junior or Senior year
- ★ **(for the graduating class of 2025 and beyond)** Achieved a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.75 or better as of the end of marking period 1 during their Junior or Senior year
- ★ Please note that the minimum qualifying GPA may not be achieved by “rounding up”
- Students who are invited to apply must attend an informational meeting to learn of the specific steps and deadlines. It is usually held in December (before the holiday break) after marking period 1 grades have been finalized.
- If the student intends to apply for NHS membership, he/she/they must submit the Letter of Intent form by the specified date to the Chapter Advisers.
- Then, he/she/they must complete a comprehensive application packet. There are multiple components to the application packet (posted on the MOHS website and explained at the informational meeting) -- all components must be completed and submitted to the Chapter Advisers ON TIME in order to be considered for membership.
- **Late Letters of Intent and/or late/incomplete application packets (including late Letters of Recommendation) will not be accepted.**
- Selection for membership is by a faculty council vote and is based on the student’s demonstration of **the 4 pillars of National Honor Society membership: scholarship, character, leadership, and service.**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the minimum required GPA to be inducted into NHS?

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- **For the graduating class of 2025 and beyond)** a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.75 or better as of the end of marking period 1 during their Junior or Senior year
- The above minimum qualifying GPA may not be achieved by “rounding up”

What is the requirement for leadership positions?

Students should review the “Leadership” criteria (guidelines are posted in the Student Life/Honor Societies tab on the MOHS website) and include sustained leadership which meets those criteria on the resume in the application packet. Students are strongly encouraged to document what they did, where they did the initiative(s), and the amount of time invested in the initiative(s).

Can a student be accepted as a senior if they were not accepted as a junior?

We invite seniors who were not accepted as juniors to apply as long as they meet the minimum GPA requirement.

When do service hours start counting for membership selection?

*ONLY Service hours that are completed during high school are considered for membership selection. **Hours from projects that are part of middle school or earlier are not counted.** As a general rule, we will count hours starting from September of freshman year.*

What is the recommended number of service hours to be eligible to apply for NHS membership consideration?

In order to apply, Candidates for NHS should have 45 hours of completed service -- at least 20 hours of which MUST be community-based service (non-MOHS). The membership selection committee (called "the faculty council") values a mix of school and community service during the application evaluation process.

How should the service hours for membership consideration be presented and documented?

On the application packet resume, candidates should document and summarize their Service hours, specifically including: the school year when the Service was performed (i.e., Sophomore, Junior, etc); the dates and descriptions of activities; the total number of hours; proof of the service from a legitimate organization and signed by a supervising staff member from such organization.

Examples of Proof of Service may include: Certificates from organizations that include dates, times, and brief descriptions of service; a timesheet or log that is also accompanied by a letter on official letterhead and signed by a supervising staff member

NOTE: Parents, family members, or peers MAY NOT sign for your service hours.