

Requirements for N.H.S. Membership Consideration

Membership in the National Honor Society is based on excellence in four areas: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Once a student has met the grade point average requirement to qualify scholastically as a candidate, he/she must also qualify in the other areas listed above. Further, if selected, the student must maintain a minimum grade point average of at least 3.500 and uphold and encourage the character, leadership, and service ideals of the National Honor Society. Finally, all candidates are required to fulfill all society commitments and obligations.

Scholarship: All students with a GPA of 3.500 or above are considered eligible for further consideration in the areas of leadership, service, and character.

Leadership, Service, and Character: The chapter adviser must receive the following items by the date and time listed below. **Incomplete, inaccurate, or late submissions may disqualify a candidate from consideration. Forms must be typed. Please organize paperwork in order and submit your paperwork in a folder labeled with your name on the outside.**

1. **Your Check List-** signed and completed.
2. **A Recommendation Form** filled out by an I.H.S. teacher who knows you well. **This form should be given to your teacher at least one week before it is due. It is returned directly to Mrs. Pinckney by the teacher.**
3. **The Student Activity Information Packet**, truthfully and completely filled out, including adults' signatures* and telephone numbers. Activities should be listed without repetition. Write "None" or "Unsure" when appropriate.
4. **Leadership Form**, truthfully and completely filled out and signed*. **Remember:** your leadership essay must **explain specifically** how you've demonstrated leadership **among your peers or with adults**.
5. **Service Project** form, truthfully and completely filled out, and essay.
6. **One Personal Statement** form, truthfully and completely filled out, and essay.
7. **One letter from an adult other than a relative attesting to your character in relation to a specific activity of which the adult has personal knowledge. This letter must be signed by the adult and submitted with the candidate's packet in a sealed envelope.**
8. **Member Obligations and Information Forms** completed and signed by the candidate and his/her parent or guardian.

There will be an optional meeting on **Thursday, September 22nd** at 2:05 in Room 303 to answer candidates' questions.

ALL PAPERWORK IS DUE IN Room 303 ON OR BEFORE 2:10 PM Monday, OCTOBER 3rd.

***Adult signatures must be the most appropriate to the activity and written on the appropriate form and/or on the essay you compose.**