

# National Honor Society Future Members Information Session

## What is NHS?

- National Organization founded on recognizing students for their scholarship, leadership, service, and character
- Purpose of chapter: Recognize members of CYHS student body with enthusiasm for the “pillars” above
- Seek to promote characteristics both in Members and Nonmembers in the school community

## How do I qualify to join NHS?

- Any rising juniors or seniors who have completed at least 1 semester at CYHS and demonstrate the qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, and service
- See NHS Prospective Membership Requirements, on back
- Any student whose GPA qualifies them for membership will receive information during the summer prior to their junior and/or senior year and will be added to a Cyhs Potential Nhs Members Schoology course

## What do I do after I find out I can join NHS?

- View the Schoology course for potential members
- Complete Prospective Membership Paperwork; this will require you to obtain references for your leadership, service, and character via Google Forms, and to write a short personal essay

## What will I do as a member of NHS?

- Members will attend an Induction Ceremony, along with a practice, in the Fall semester
- Meet once per month
- Obtain fifteen or more hours of service in the school and community per semester (a total of 30 hours or more per year)
- Maintain high academic and personal integrity
- Develop and/or participate in a chapter-wide service project

## What will I get out of NHS?

- Opportunities to expand on your leadership
- Opportunities to be involved in the school and community
- Network opportunities and additional scholarship opportunities through the national organization
- Recognition for your dedication, including at the Induction Ceremony and with a stole at graduation
- The ability to include a nationally-recognized organization on your college and/or career applications

## How can I get more information?

- Ask our advisors: Miss Grove (rgrove2@cysd.k12.pa.us) or Mrs. Unger (aunger@cysd.k12.pa.us)
- Talk to our officers: Jo Ilko (24jilko@cypanthers.org), Alem Tesfaye (24atesfaye@cypanthers.org), Phuc Nguyen (24pnguyen@cypanthers.org), or Quang Huynh (24qhuynh@cypanthers.org)

## NHS Prospective Membership Requirements

The purpose of this document is to assist prospective members when completing the student information form.

**Character:**

The student of good character is cooperative; demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; and generally maintains a clean disciplinary record.

No disciplinary infractions on record

No reports of academic dishonesty

\*Two teachers must complete a form attesting to your character (as listed on your Student Activity Information Form)

**Scholarship:**

3.65 Cumulative weighted GPA

Taken at least one (1) Honors or AP- level course per year

Completed at least four (4) Honors or AP- level courses during high school career

No reports of academic dishonesty

**Leadership:**

Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

\*One adult supervisor must complete a form attesting to your leadership (as listed on your Student Activity Information Form)

**Service:**

Any time spent assisting others without receiving compensation, monetary or otherwise.

Must have an average of at least twenty (20) hours of documented service per year from the start of high school to application date

An average of at least five hours per year must be conducted within the community

An average of at least five hours per year must be conducted within the school

To document hours, include the name and telephone number of a person in charge (cannot be a relative)

\*One adult supervisor must complete a form attesting to your service within the community (as listed on your Student Activity Information Form)

See an NHS advisor with any questions or concerns.