

NHS Membership Application

Cedar Hill High School Chapter of
National Honor Society

Cedar Hill High School chapter of NHS follows the National Constitutional Guidelines regarding the selection of members. Students selected should exhibit qualities which encompass the four pillars of NHS (scholarship, leadership, service, and character). Scholarship by itself is not enough to qualify for membership.

The Process

1. Information will be posted on the CHHS/NHS website. For fall induction, any junior or senior with a cumulative weighted average of 9.5 may complete an application. For spring induction any sophomore or junior with a cumulative weighted average of 9.5 may complete an application. An invitation letter to apply will NOT be sent.
2. The Faculty Council will evaluate applications based on the four pillars. Points will be assigned based on school records, teacher feedback, and completed applications. A maximum of 22 points can be earned. The minimum standard in each category plus three additional points in any category (total 12) must be met for selection as a member.
3. There is no minimum or maximum number of candidates selected for membership; rather all who are judged to meet the criteria are accepted. Applicants who are not chosen and are underclassmen will have another opportunity to apply next year, provided that they maintain the minimum scholarship standard.
4. **Scholarship:** Points will be granted based on cumulative weighted GPA. Points increase as follows:
9.5 – 10.0 GPA = 1 point, 10.1 – 10.5 GPA = 2 points, etc.
5. **Character:**
All CHHS faculty members are asked to evaluate candidates' character based on a scale of 0-2. Feedback will be averaged for maximum of 2 points.

Students will turn in 3 letters of recommendation to earn up to three additional points. Two letters should come from school faculty or administrators and one should come from a community member.

Assistant principals will have veto power based on discipline records.

A minimum of 4 points must be earned for character.
6. **Service:**
Students are requested to document service hours as described on application form. Completed forms should be concise and specifically detail exactly what your service role included. One point is granted per five hours of qualified service within the last year.

A minimum of 2 points must be earned for service.
7. **Leadership:**
Students are requested to document leadership points as described on application form. Completed forms should be concise and specifically detail exactly what your leadership role involved. One point is granted per leadership activity within the last two years.

A minimum of 2 points must be earned for leadership.

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Applications will only be accepted from students who have met the minimum scholarship requirement (9.5 cumulative weighted GPA).

Use this application to document service and leadership points.

Applicants should also turn in 3 letters of recommendation - 2 from school faculty or administrators and 1 from a community member

Dues should be paid at time of application. Application will not be processed if dues are not paid.
\$10/year, maximum \$20 (Seniors pay \$10, underclassmen pay \$20 at time of application)
Checks should be made out to CHISD and should include DOB and SSN.
Dues will be refunded to any student who is not granted membership

Leadership

One point is granted per leadership activity within the last two years. A minimum of 2 points is required for membership. However, the more points documented the better since these may offset lower point values in other areas. You may document extra activities if you are unsure of an activity's relevance.

You must demonstrate leadership in school, community, or religious activities. Remember that merely being a member of an activity or athletics or showing up for meetings and practice is NOT leadership.

Examples of leadership roles might include: club officer, class officer, committee chairman, boy/girl scout patrol leader, editor, drum major, team captain, squad leader, running for office, leadership position in church, awards for leadership, etc.

Name of Club or Activity	Explanation of Leadership Role		Authorized Sponsor's Signature and Phone Number

SEE REVERSE FOR SERVICE DOCUMENTATION

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Service

One point is granted per 5 hours of service within the last year. A minimum of 2 points is required for membership. However, the more points documented the better since these may offset lower point values in other areas. You may document extra activities if you are unsure of an activity's relevance.

Service activities are those which are done **on behalf of others** (not including family members) for which **NO COMPENSATION** (monetary or other) has been received. You may list school, community, or religious activities in which you have offered services **without pay** during the last year.

Examples of service activities might include: community cleanup days, work in church nursery, scouting service projects, teaching Sunday school, peer tutoring (documented by teacher), election volunteer, library volunteer, work camp, babysitting for community or church activity, visiting nursing home, etc.

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I have watched the powerpoint presentation and read the bylaws on the CHHS NHS website, read the information included on this application, and have had any questions I might have clarified. I understand all the qualifications for membership in the CHHS chapter of NHS and verify the information submitted above.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Please print out, sign, and turn in with your application.

- I verify that all of the information presented in my application accurately represents my achievements.
- I understand that if my application is found to contain false or misleading information it will disqualify me from admittance into the NHS.
- I agree to allow the NHS sponsors and faculty council to review all of the information provided.
- I understand that the faculty selection data is confidential. Since the selection rating information is a temporary record, it will be destroyed upon completion of the selection process.
- I understand that all decisions regarding my acceptance or non-acceptance are final and there is no appeals process.
- I understand that I may have already met the academic requirement for membership. In addition to the academic requirements, leadership and service, both in and outside of school, are required for membership. Character, leadership and service are equally weighted during the selection process. Although students who attain high academic achievement are to be commended, I understand that membership is not guaranteed to anyone strictly on the basis of GPA.
- I understand that if accepted and inducted that I am completely responsible for all aspects of my NHS membership. This includes, but is not limited to: keeping abreast of meeting dates/times, club events, service opportunities, documentation requirements, checking the NHS bulletin board weekly, and keeping the officers updated on any service hours or personal information changes.

I have seen the Cedar Hill NHS PowerPoint presentation, read the By-Laws, have had any questions I might have regarding membership requirements clarified and understand all the requirements for obtaining and maintaining membership in Cedar Hill's NHS.

Candidate Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please attach your \$10 or \$20 check made out to Cedar Hill NHS for the membership fee. If you are not accepted, the check will be returned to you. Applications without attached checks are incomplete and will not be reviewed.