

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

National Honor Society is a national organization designed to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to serve, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools.

Students of Renville County West High School who are sophomores, junior or senior status with a minimum 3.5 grade point average (GPA) are invited to apply to become members of the Renville County West High School Chapter of National Honor Society following the second quarter of each school year. Students will be informed by email of their status following the second quarter. It is the student's responsibility to obtain and submit the application packet by the indicated due date. The application packet will include the cover letter, application, essay, and letter of recommendation. Students who meet the required GPA must satisfactorily complete an application packet, which will be reviewed by a selection committee. Any senior that is applying should submit all required service hours or a plan to complete the service hours with the application packet. It is recommended that students have their application packets reviewed by the advisor prior to the final submission deadline.

To meet NHS criteria, community services activities have to be beneficial to others and not financially benefit the student. All RCW students in grades 9-12 are required to complete 5 hours of community service per year and a total of 20 hours of community service to graduate. RCW National Honor Society members are required to complete and submit an additional 20 hours of community service per year to total 25 community service hours per year to remain a member of the Renville County West Chapter of National Honor Society.

Students who have had, within the past school year, a Minnesota State High School League violation, have been found guilty of a crime against the school or have been convicted of any criminal activity that is public knowledge, will not be eligible for NHS membership for the remainder of the school year. Students who are removed from NHS, or who were ineligible due to a MSHSL violation, can apply for admission the following year. He/she will need to identify the violation on the application and indicate growth from the incident. Those who have been dismissed from NHS for not following the four pillars of NHS will need to maintain GPA requirements and complete the 25 community service hours to be considered for readmission the following year.