

The National Honor Society Membership Qualifications

Scholarship - a GPA of 3.8 on a weighted scale of 5.0

Leadership-a minimum of two verified leadership positions

Service in school and community; minimum of 30 hours documented

Character - no record of cheating or serious disciplinary infractions

Membership for the National Honor Society is based on Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character. Students must have a GPA of 3.8 on a weighted scale of 5.0, hold a minimum of two verified leadership positions, have at least 30 hours of documented service in school and in community, and have no record of cheating or serious disciplinary infractions. The application deadline has already passed for this school year, but we encourage any and all students to apply next year. See Miss Elliott in C106 for further questions.

There is a requirement of at least **30 hours** of service, beginning with the summer of the student's freshman year.

There are two types of community service that the NHS is looking for from inductees: self initiated service and service through clubs or organizations. Self - initiated service is a student's independent decision to lend a helping hand in the community. Examples range from volunteering in a nursing home, senior center, or animal center to participating in programs such as Beach Sweep, Habitat for Humanity, Street Reach, CAP, or United Way. You also may voluntarily do chores for neighbors, clean up local highways or schools, or help out at the local libraries. This form of service should be solely volunteer and not fulfilled as a requirement of a club or organization. **It should account for a minimum of 30 of your total hours.**

The NHS also accepts other service through school or church-based organizations, such as Anchor Club, Interact Club, Beta Club, etc. Often, these clubs require a certain number of hours of community service. Both types are necessary to meet the requirement for membership in the NHS. **This form of service—service that is required as part of your membership in another organization—can only account for up to 15 of your total hours.**

You must have at least three examples of self-initiated community service and three examples of service through school organizations. Any service that is completed for pay is not considered volunteer work and does not count toward community service.

There are many ways for you to meet the service requirement. The CFHS National Honor Society supports the March of Dimes, the American Cancer Society, and "Operation Shoebox" with Samaritan's Purse as our major service organizations. You may volunteer to help us as we support them, and you may also join the NHS in cleaning and maintaining the grounds of Carolina Forest High. Each member dedicates two hours each month to beautifying our campus. Listen for announcements and come to C110 after school any day to participate with an NHS

member. Early dismissal seniors may also work during 4th block to gain hours of service. The small bulletin board at the front of A House will feature ideas. Also, you can go online to the *Sun News* to find other things you can do. Community service organizations advertise for help in different activities that they sponsor.

Feel free at any time to pick up a form to use as a log of your community service hours. This can be used as early as your freshman year. Turn in the form when it is completed or give it yearly to Mrs. Webster (C106) to keep until your junior year when you are first eligible for membership. You may pick up other forms from her when you need them.