

NHS Application Information

Email Mr. Smith or Mrs. Ryan to join the Application Canvas Course

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Required Standards

Scholarship
Leadership
Service
Character

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Membership in the National Honor Society is both an honor and a responsibility. Students selected for membership are expected to continue to demonstrate the criteria by which they are selected, including outstanding scholarship, leadership, service and character. This also includes compliance with the Center Grove High School Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy (DAT)].

Students must complete the application, which is outlined in the Canvas Course to be considered for membership in NHS. Membership is granted only to those students selected by the CGHS Faculty Council.

CGHS Requirements for Application

- GPA 3.60 or above
- 23 College Prep Credits by the end of 5th semester
- 6 Activity Points by the end of 5th semester
- 3 Teacher Recommendations
- 2 Letters of community service
- Due February 24

GPA Requirement

The GPA requirement is 3.60 unweighted and without rounding up. (ex: 3.59 is not 3.60)

This GPA is calculated at the END of the first semester of your junior year. We do not calculate GPAs in the middle of a semester.

College Prep Credits

College Prep Credits are acquired by taking and passing the required courses to achieve the CORE40 diploma from Center Grove High School. If you are on track to graduate at the end of 8 semesters, you have enough credits.

Teacher Recommendations

You are responsible for listing 3 teachers that would recommend you for national honor society based on the four pillars – Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. At least 2 teachers should be from the five core classes – Math, English, Science, Social Studies, World Language – the third recommendation may be from any teacher at CGHS. You need to ask the teachers before submitting their names.

Letters of Community Service – THESE ARE NOT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

You are responsible for obtaining 2 letters from members of the community. These letters should describe **specific service work or volunteer work** you have done in the community. The purpose of the letters is to demonstrate your willingness to serve others. Letters can be obtained from places you have done community service work or volunteered your time. Since choosing to work can limit your ability to volunteer, we will also accept a letter verifying your work hours. **Because these letters are coming from local businesses, the letter should be on a company letterhead.** This is standard and all companies should have access to a letterhead.

Letters should not come from: A FAMILY MEMBER, FAMILY FRIEND, CGHS TEACHERS/CLUB OR SPORT SPONSORS, ETC

The Faculty Council will review the letters submitted and their decision is final.

If official letters are not attached, the applicant will not be considered for NHS.

ACTIVITY POINTS:

- 6 points by the date of application
- In general, all clubs receive 1 point per **year** or a ½ point per **semester**. This applies to all very active members and officers. If students were not extremely active in the club, you may be awarded a smaller amount at your sponsors discretion.
- Sports and other time-consuming activities receive 2 points per season.
- Points may not be “anticipated.” Students can only receive points through December. However, sports that are in the middle of the season, such as swimming, basketball, or winter cheerleading, may receive the full 2 points.

REPLACEMENT ACTIVITY POINTS:

Up to 3 activity points can be earned:

1. Activities **OUTSIDE** CGHS such as Indianapolis Children’s Choir, Medical Explorers, South Stars Hockey, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc. Activity Points are awarded at the rate of ½ point per 6 months of participation.
 - a. These points can be earned in ½ or whole point increments.
 - b. Only the time of participation **during high school years** is applicable.
2. You may also use community service hours to earn replacement activity points. 10 hours of community service will award you ½ of a replacement point.

Important Information regarding Replacement Points!

- Whatever you use must be accompanied by an OFFICIAL LETTER on official letterhead signed and dated with phone numbers for verification! Without this documentation, these items will not be considered for NHS by the Faculty Council.
- Remember, this can only be used for up to 3 of the required activity points. The rest must be earned using CGHS activities.
- If you have any questions, whether your activity counts, etc. PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE ADVISERS!

You will submit all of your documentation in Canvas. Your completed application is due on February 24 by 3:00 PM. Late applications will not be considered for membership.

Activity Point Guide – 6 points required

- In general, all clubs receive one point per year or a ½ point per semester. This applies to all very active members and officers. If students were not extremely active in the club, you may award a smaller amount at your discretion.
- Sports and other time-consuming activities receive 2 points per season as you can see.
- Points may not be “anticipated.” Students can only receive points through **December**. However, sports that are in the middle of the season, such as swimming, basketball, or winter cheerleading, may receive the full 2 points.

Band and Choir

Marching Band 1 ½ points for full season	Color Guard 1 ½ points for full season	Pep Band teacher’s discretion up to 1 point per year	Concert Bands teacher’s discretion up to 1 point per year
Marcato (percussion band) teacher’s discretion up to 1 point per year	Indoor Percussion 1 ½ points for full season	Jazz Bands teacher’s discretion up to 1 point per year	Orchestral Bands teacher’s discretion up to 1 point per year
Winter Guard 1 ½ points for full season	Concert Choirs teacher’s discretion up to 1 point per year	Debtone 1 ½ points per semester	Surround Sound/Accents teacher’s discretion up to 1 point per year
Sound System 1 ½ points per semester	CG Singers teacher’s discretion up to 1 point per year		

Drama

Fall Dramatic Production 1 point for cast or chorus, leading roles can receive more Spring Dramatic Production	1 point for cast or chorus, leading roles can receive more Tech. crew and makeup crew	1/2 pt. per production
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Clubs (Points are awarded based on teacher discretion due to participation, normally 1 point per year will be awarded unless otherwise stated)

****Clubs are always changing at CGHS! If your CGHS-affiliated club is not on this list, it will still count****

Art Club	Best Buddies	Book Forum	Brain Game
Business Professionals	CGTV Points for positions only	Chess	Club Green
FCA	Football Character Building	French Club	French NHS
Gay/Straight Alliance	Guitar Club	Intramurals (basketball)	Japanese Club

Key Club	Newspaper Points for positions only	Periphery	Photography Club
Ping Pong Club	Quiz Bowl 2 pts. per year	Robotics 2 pts. per year	SADD
Sew Fun	Spanish Club	Spanish NHS	Speech Team
Spell Bowl	SSTA	Stugo	Stugo Class Officer Advisors Discretion
Super Bowl	Ultimate Frisbee	VOICE	Weightlifting Club
Winter Running Club	Yearbook Points for positions only	Powderpuff football ¼ pt. per year	Teacher Aids ½ point per semester
Sledgehammer Volleyball ¼ pt. per year	Blacklight Dodgeball ¼ pt per year	CG Morning Announcements	Bring Change to Mind

Sports

A full season of official high school sport will earn 2 points per season. This includes athletes and team managers. Sports include Cheerleading, Dance Team, Bowling, Lacrosse

Work

Minimum 6 hrs/week = ½ point per semester

SUBMIT THE NEXT PAGE FOR YOUR ACTIVITY POINTS

National Honor Society Teacher Recommendation Form

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You will need to print this form (electronic signatures are not allowed) and ask each teacher to **STAMP** (not sign) their name as a recommendation. These teachers **DO NOT** need to write a letter of recommendation. Their stamp will be sufficient.

Teacher Name (please print)	Teacher's subject/course	Teacher STAMP

SUBMIT THIS PAGE FOR YOUR TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS