

National Honor Society Application Information

Invitations to apply for the Unionville High School National Honor Society will be sent to qualifying students via email mid-July. Any student who is a rising junior or rising senior with a GPA of 3.5 or higher will be invited to apply. Rising seniors who have satisfied their requirements for the 2025-2026 school year do not need to reapply. Applications will be accepted through **Sunday, September 7th**. Once the application window closes, applications will be screened and students will be notified of acceptance in early October. Once notified of acceptance, a student can immediately list membership on their college applications. The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony is held in November. All communications will go directly to accepted students via Canvas and school email. Students alone are responsible for the application process. Late applications will not be accepted unless there is an emergency.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE:

- 1) **Scholarship:** A cumulative weighted GPA of 3.5 after the completion of the sophomore and/or junior year (no exceptions).
- 2) **Service:** 25 hours of community service must be documented prior to the application deadline. Service is defined as a volunteer activity which does not directly benefit you, such as volunteer hours at a daycare, parish, community service organization or function(s). *Court-ordered services may not be included.* All volunteer service activities must include a verification form from the organization where your service was completed. Verification forms must include organization title, supervisor name, supervisor contact information, date of service, the number of hours served, and the supervisor signature. Documented hours must be from June of 2024 or after. You may use the NHS Verification form found at the end of this document.

Please note the updated changes to service hours for the class of 2028 and beyond:

- Of the 25 service hours, **a minimum of 5** must benefit the school district community (i.e., hours for PTO events for any of the schools such as the High School PTO Book Sale, Patton Carnival, Elementary events, etc.)
- **No more than 5 hours** may come from a school-sponsored club, activity, or team to which the NHS applicant/member belongs.

****Note on School Clubs and Activities:** Participation in activities that are a required or expected part of membership in a school club or organization does not qualify as community service for NHS purposes. While these activities may benefit others, they are considered part of your commitment to that club (e.g., attending club-sponsored events, setting up for performances, or volunteering as part of a team responsibility). Service hours must go above and beyond what is required by another organization and should not fulfill multiple obligations at once. To qualify as service, the activity must be voluntary, not tied to a grade or club membership, and intended primarily to benefit others outside of the group you represent.

3) **Leadership:** All candidates must have prior leadership experience. Candidates will need to provide the contact information for a sponsor to verify leadership experience. Leadership experience is defined as “The action of leading a group of people or an organization.” Leadership examples may include running a youth camp, parish organization, coaching youth sports. *This requirement should not be confused with community service.*

4) **Character:** All candidates must have outstanding character. It should be noted that no candidate will be admitted to the Unionville chapter of the NHS who has documented academic dishonesty, or Level 3 or Level 4 disciplinary referral at any time during high school. An admitted student who incurs these sanctions will be immediately dismissed.

THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY REQUIRES A TIME COMMITMENT:

All accepted applicants must complete 25 additional hours of community service each year of membership which will be submitted in early May of each membership year.

Members are expected to be involved in at least 1 UHS club, sport or activity.

Any questions? Please see the FAQs on the NHS page on our school website. Or, you can reach out to Mrs. Heather Haitz (hhaitz@ucfsd.net), NHS Adviser.



Unionville High School
NHS
Volunteer Service Verification



Unionville High School Chapter of the NHS:

Please accept this letter as confirmation that _____
completed _____ hours of volunteer service for _____

Date(s)/Range of Dates: _____

Description of service: _____

In the event that you have any concerns or questions, please contact me.

Name of Supervisor: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature:

Date: ____ / ____ / ____