



National Honor Society

West Essex High School Chapter

Eligibility Requirements

Junior Applicant Requirements:

- Academics: GPA of 3.75 or higher (weighted)
- Service: minimum of 30 hours of volunteer work*
- Leadership/Character: minimum of 37.5 activity points**

Juniors that are eligible, based on their academic standing, will be invited to apply in February.

Senior Applicant Requirements:

- Academics: GPA of 3.75 or higher (weighted)
- Service: minimum of 40 hours of volunteer work*
- Leadership/Character: minimum of 37.5 activity points**

Seniors that are eligible, based on their academic standing, will be invited to apply in September.

*The service requirement must include volunteer work that students participated in or out of school. These can be individual or group service projects that are open to the public to sign up for. Generally speaking, service hours are those done for or on behalf of others (not including friends or family) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given. Students will need to ask an adult supervisor to verify their participation in each activity.

*Service hours cannot include volunteer work done for a Service Club in school, such as Key Club, other Honor Societies, and sports teams. Students will receive credit in the form of activity points for their involvement in that club or sport.

**For the Leadership and Character requirement, students will be asked to indicate clubs, activities, and sports they have participated in at school and/or out of school, with confirmation from their advisor. If an activity earns community service hours, students will need to choose to whether to use for service hours OR activity points, but not both. Students will receive 5 points for each full year of participation and 2.5 points for a half-year activity.

Junior applicants: This includes participation through the first semester of their Junior year. Examples of activities would be FBLA, Youth Group, yearbook club, etc. Seasonal sports will count as a full-year activity. Make sure to specify Fall vs. Spring in the activity name. Play productions will also each serve as a full year activity. Make sure to specify Fall Drama and Spring Musical in the activity name.

For more information, visit the NHS West Essex HS Chapter [website](#).

Please direct questions to the guidance department or to the NHS adviser, Ms. Colabelli, at dcolabelli@westex.org.