

FREEPORT AREA HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

2025-26 CURRENT MEMBER APPLICATION

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Requirement questions should be directed via email or in-person to Mr. Beneigh.

Completed portfolios are due to Mrs. O'Shell - School Counseling/Athletic Office

DEADLINE: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 by 2:41pm.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the Freeport Chapter of the National Honor Society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of Freeport Area Senior High School. These four principles shape the organization's activities and are reflected in the members' responsibilities.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Freeport Chapter of the National Honor Society is to bring together a group of highly intelligent and mature students that have the ability to:

1. Promote a high level of scholarship within the Freeport Area School District.
2. Provide community service that has a direct impact on the greater Freeport community.
3. Become role models for younger students and peers in the Freeport Area School District through various leadership roles.
4. Display high standards of character through their interactions with students, faculty and community members.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

MAINTAINING MEMBERSHIP GRADUATION CONFERRAL & NHS HONORS

- 1) **Scholarship** Academic Check (checked by Faculty)
 - a. Maintain 3.8 GPA or higher during this academic year through graduation
- 2) **Service** After School Activity and Tutoring/Service Check
 - a. Actively participate in 1 or more, non-compensated after school activities during this academic year
 - b. All activities must be completed after school hours (clubs do not count)
 - c. 10+ tutoring sessions or 10+ hours of community service (a combination of the two to make a total of 10 hrs is also acceptable)
- 3) **Leadership** Check
 - a. Provide the Post-Graduation Action Plan to show how continued leadership goals are planned for the future
 - b. Display your writing style and proficiency in answering detailed questions
- 4) **Character** Check: checked during each semester until graduation (checked by Faculty)
 - a. Cleared by faculty for behavior, plagiarism, or cheating infractions
 - i. Infractions must be documented and communicated throughout the school year with administration and/or parents
 - b. Cleared by the office for extensive unexcused absences or late arrivals
 - i. 9 pts maximum over academic year
 1. Unexcused tardy is 1 point, each time
 2. Unexcused absence is 3 points, each time

Missing items or not fulfilling requirements per marking period will result in probation or removal from this NHS chapter prior to the graduation ceremony.

RUBRIC AND APPEALS POLICY

All students will receive rubric scores (for acceptance and non acceptance).

- *Based on the three categories (Scholarship/Service/Character), these are objective scores (aka, it is what it is based on one's work and documentation).*
- *The leadership interview responses will be judged by five faculty committee members (blind readings without student names). The average score will provide the score for the Leadership category (average scores above 3.5 will receive 4 points; average scores below 3.49 will receive 3 points; and so on).*
- *The rubric is the final and most important reference for making decisions.*
- *Appeals should be addressed to the faculty advisor. Any appeals must be emailed to beneigh@freeport.k12.pa.us within two calendar days after the formal letter is distributed with a detailed explanation to the faculty committee regarding the reason for the appeal and what additional information should be considered (as it relates to the rubric scoring).*
- *Final appeal decisions will be made by the building principals.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Current Member Meeting + Nominate Officers (WIN)

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Current Member Portfolio Due to Mrs. O'Shell

Friday, February 6, 2026

Decision notifications will be made before or on this date

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Meeting (WIN- *officers only*) to prepare for ceremony

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Meeting (WIN) for Mandatory Ceremony practice

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

7pm Ceremony (HS Auditorium)

FREEPORT NHS - CURRENT MEMBER PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

All portfolio items must be submitted at one time, on time, by Wednesday, January 14, 2026. All items must be in a manilla folder, in order, not stapled nor hole-punched. On the outside of the manilla folder, please write your name and the words "Current Member".

- **Page 1: Cover Page**

- Full Name (no nicknames)
- Current Grade Level
- FHS National Honors Society Portfolio
- CURRENT Member - 2025
- Student Signature and Date

- **Page 2: Rubric**

- Include the rubric (last page of this packet) after the Cover Page within your portfolio

- **Page 3: After School Activity and Service/Tutoring**

- Please have this item on a separate page, after the Cover Page.
- *Please review the minimum requirements on previous pages in this packet.*
- State your name, include the date and your signature
- School-sponsored clubs will NOT count as extracurricular activities (Ski Club, Key Club, Newspaper, Robotics, etc.)
- Create a table or list, including the following information:
 - i. Activities Involved *during this academic year* (non-compensated)
 - ii. When you were involved in this activity
 - iii. What your involvement consisted within this activity (be specific)
 - iv. Contact Information for Sponsor/Coach (Phone Number *and* Email)
 - v. State if it is School Related or Non-School Related

- **Page 4: Leadership Post-Graduation Plan**

- Please start this portion on a separate page, after the Activity Check.
- State your name, include the date and your signature
- Answer each question, following these guidelines:
 - Restate the question (do not rewrite the question itself)
 - Number each response (as shown below)
 - Times New Roman, 12-font, double-spaced, 1" margins
 - 150-200 words per response required
 - embed your leadership experiences (be specific) into these responses*

1. *Think back to a specific moment this school year when you had to step up as a leader—whether in class, an activity, a team, or even a smaller group. Describe the situation and what you learned about yourself.*
2. *Choose one leadership quality you've relied on most this year (for example: patience, responsibility, creativity, persistence, etc.). Describe a situation where you used it, and then explain how you expect that same quality to guide you after graduation.*
3. *Instead of telling us simply what you plan to do after high school, describe one concrete step you've already taken—aside from your college application—that moves you closer to that future.*
4. *Think of one community service experience you participated in since your NHS induction. Share a story from that service (who you worked with, what you did, what surprised you). How did that experience change the way you think about leadership and service?*
5. *If a teacher, coach, or peer from this school year had to describe you to a stranger, what moment or story would you like them to share as evidence of your character? What would it tell them about you?*

SEE THE RUBRIC PAGE TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO MEET THE MINIMUM STANDARDS TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP THROUGH OUR GRADUATION CEREMONY (13+ PTS)

NHS Tutoring Tracker (for CURRENT 12th-Grade Members)

Student Name _____

*****Please submit this document with your completed portfolio in February.*****

Date	Which faculty/staff member did you assist?	Whom did you help? What did you help do?	Faculty/Staff Initial & Date

What counts for tutoring:

-Email high school teachers for opportunities to assist peers during WIN or Study Halls

-If interested in helping tutor every **Monday** at the Middle School (with Mrs. Fello for math classes), please contact Mrs. Bogan bogan@freeport.k12.pa.us.

You will be excused from WIN Time at the High School to tutor at the Middle School, but you must have reliable transportation.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

CURRENT MEMBER RUBRIC

STUDENT FULL NAME _____

ACADEMIC CHECK

- 4 points – 3.8 GPA or higher (from all marking periods thus far)
- 2 points – 3.5-3.79 GPA (from all marking periods thus far); 1 honors-level course throughout this academic year
- 0 points – did not meet GPA standard; did not participate in honors-level courses

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITY & TUTORING/SERVICE CHECK

ALL ACTIVITIES MUST BE UNCOMPENSATED

- 4 points – at least 1 afterschool activity during this academic year AND 10+ tutoring sessions or 10 hours of community service (a combination of the two to make a total of 10 hrs is also acceptable)
- 2 points - missing one component: either 1 afterschool activity OR 9 hours/sessions or less of service/tutoring
- 0 points – did not meet standard

LEADERSHIP POST-GRADUATION PLAN

- 4 points – provides substantive responses; 1 leadership experience during senior year
- 3 points – provides some substantive responses & 1 leadership experience during senior year
- 2 points - provides little substantive responses & did not provide leadership experience
- 0 points – did not meet standard

INTEGRITY CHECK

- 4 points – 9 or less points on attendance scale AND no disciplinary actions (cheating/plagiarism)
- 3 points - 10 points on attendance scale OR 1 disciplinary action (cheating/plagiarism)
- 2 points – 11+ points on attendance scale OR 1 disciplinary action (cheating/plagiarism)
- 1 point - 11+ points on attendance scale AND 1 disciplinary action (cheating/plagiarism)
- 0 points – 11+ points or more on attendance scale AND/OR 2+ disciplinary actions

TOTAL POINTS EARNED _____

****MUST MEET 13 POINTS OR MORE TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP. EXPLANATIONS TO THOSE STUDENTS NOT RECEIVING THE NHS MEDAL FOR GRADUATION WILL BE BASED OFF OF THIS RUBRIC.**