



SPARKMAN HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER OF NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Application Information



All current sophomores and juniors who have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.800 or above may apply for admission.

Admission is not automatic. In addition to having the required GPA, applicants must demonstrate significant accomplishment and/or participation in the areas indicated on the application form. It is necessary to have some accomplishments in each area.

All activities, accomplishments, etc. included in the application must have taken place during high school (grades 9-11).

Do not include anything that occurred before you were in high school. Doing so could jeopardize your chances for admission.

Make sure your application is neat and legible. An electronic version is also available on the school website under Academics >> Programs and Clubs >> National Honor Society.

Two teacher recommendation forms (included in this packet) must be submitted to the NHS advisers.

Applications are read by a principal-selected five member faculty committee. Your name will be removed and replaced with a number. **Please avoid indicating your identity anywhere in the application, including the essay.** Anonymity ensures impartiality and makes the selection process much easier for the committee.

Alcohol and drug violations are in breach of National Bylaws, **DO NOT APPLY** if you have had any alcohol or drug violations.

Community and school service includes giving of your time or resources in exchange for no pay. The service should have bettered the lives of community members or improved conditions of the school/community.

Your application must be turned into the NHS advisor: Mrs. Roposh Rm 405 by Wednesday, March 25th at 3:45 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: National Honor Society is a service organization. Membership is a highly sought after honor, but it requires commitment to the ideals of the organization. **Your acceptance of membership will indicate your willingness to participate in National Honor Society sponsored activities, service projects, and meetings.** To maintain membership in NHS, you must maintain your GPA, fulfill your service hour requirements, be a good leader, show good character and abide by the National Honor Society bylaws. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in dismissal from the National Honor Society. If your behavior in school requires disciplinary action, your membership may be revoked.

You should expect to receive a decision letter mailed to your address listed in PowerSchool by April 8th, 2026.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED and RETURNED TO THE ADVISOR

Mrs. Roposh, Rm 405

Wednesday, March 25th at 3:45 pm

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Your application will be based on the following criteria.

Please make sure you include all the information listed on the application.

Failure to do so will automatically disqualify you for acceptance into the NHS.

Scholarship:

Students will need to have a minimum cumulative GPA of **3.800** in high school. You must maintain a **3.800** GPA or you will be subject to losing your membership status.

Leadership:

Students have successfully assumed responsibility and demonstrated constructive initiative in the classroom, at work, and in school or community activities. One example of leadership is that you have been or currently are an officer for an organization such as: class officer, JROTC or band section leader, FCCLA officer, or SGA Officer. Another example is a shift/team leader or manager at work.

Service:

As a MEMBER, you will be required to have a total of **40 Service Hours** each calendar year (May 2, 2026 through May 1, 2027) which must be a combination of school and community service. **Service is defined as giving of your time or resources in exchange for no pay and helping better the lives of community members.**

Examples of school service activities: helping with tournaments that raise money for your school sponsored activity, helping with a community project/benefit representing a school sponsored group, working the concession stand for basketball, activities organized by a school advisor, etc.

Examples of community service projects: helping with benefits, blood drives, food drive, organizing the food pantry, student initiated cleaning of the park, Boy Scouts projects, tutoring, helping with VBS, babysitting for non-family members, yard work for elderly neighbors, etc.

Character:

Character is not based solely on personality nor upon minor incidents unless they are repeated so as to indicate specific pattern of behavior. The student should demonstrate the highest standards of honesty, reliability, fairness and civility as well as adhere to school rules and regulations (i.e., attendance, tardiness, academic honesty, conduct, etc.)



Sparkman High School NHS Application



Due **Wednesday, March 25th at 3:45 pm**

Please complete all sections. Do not be modest. Every bit of information can be used to assist with the selection process. **Completion of this form does not guarantee selection.**

General Information (Please type or print):

Student Name: _____

Name of Parent(s)/ Guardian(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

FOR NHS USE ONLY AN: _____

STUDENT REVIEW AND CONSENT: I understand that completing and submitting this form **does not guarantee selection** into Sparkman High School's chapter of the National Honor Society. I attest that the information listed in this application is complete and accurate. If selected, I agree to abide by the standards and guidelines of the chapter and to fulfill my membership obligations to the best of my ability, including attending meetings, paying dues, and participating in service activities.

Student Signature

Date

PARENT REVIEW AND CONSENT: I have reviewed my student's application and affirm that it is true, accurate, and complete. I give my consent for my student to apply for membership into Sparkman High School's chapter of the National Honor Society.

Parent Signature

Date

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I. Leadership

List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community, or work activities. List only those positions in which **you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others**. Examples of leadership positions include: elected student class or club officer, section leader, committee chairperson, team captain, coach, camp counselor, event organizer, newspaper editor, work area manager, or community leader. Attach a separate page if necessary. Please note that leadership positions can overlap with activities listed within the application. **Please include a phone number or email address if the adult sponsor is NOT a Sparkman 9 or Sparkman High School teacher.** If you do not know the name/phone number of the adult sponsor, please list your parent's name and number instead.

LEADERSHIP POSITION	DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ROLE & RESPONSIBILITY	YEAR			LEADERSHIP CONTACT NAME PHONE #/ email address if the adult sponsor is not a Sparkman teacher.
		9	10	11	

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II. Extracurricular Activities and Work Experience:

List all activities in which you have participated during high school. Include school clubs, civic clubs, sports teams, musical groups, theater, student council, travel ball clubs, boy/girl scouts, church activities (unless they are listed under community service), etc. Paid or unpaid work experience (aka internships) may also be included in this section. **Please include a phone number or email address if the adult sponsor is NOT a Sparkman 9 or Sparkman High School teacher. If you do not know the name/phone number of the adult sponsor, please list your parent's name and number instead.**

ACTIVITY	9	10	11	<u>NAME OF ADULT SPONSOR</u> PHONE # or email address if the adult sponsor is not a Sparkman teacher.

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III. Service Hours

LIST AND DESCRIBE all service activities in which you have participated. Service activities are those which are done for or on behalf of others (**not including family members**) and for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given. Attach a separate page if necessary. **Please include a phone number or email address if the adult sponsor is NOT a Sparkman 9 or Sparkman High School teacher. If you do not know the name/phone number of the adult sponsor or if it was not an organized community service event, please list your parent's name and number instead. Be sure to write the total number of hours in the blank below.**

SERVICE EXPERIENCE and DESCRIPTION (Include as much information as you can so that we know what the community service entails.)	YEAR			TOTAL HOURS PER EVENT	SERVICE CONTACT PHONE # or email address if the adult sponsor is not a Sparkman teacher
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TOTAL HOURS: _____

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IV. **Personal Statement: Who Am I?**

A member of the National Honor Society of Sparkman High School must exhibit high standards of **scholarship, service, leadership, and character**. The students who are admitted to NHS exemplify these four qualities in all aspects of their high school careers both academically and extracurricularly.

Keeping in mind the “four pillars” of the National Honor Society described above, please write an **ANONYMOUS** essay that supports your candidacy by helping the Sparkman High Faculty Council get to know you better. Your essay may include interests, anecdotes, character traits, and/or anything else that makes you a unique individual. You may want to highlight a particular activity that especially qualifies you for consideration. **Alternately, you may wish to address or explain an area of your application that may seem weak. We understand that what makes you a unique individual may not be easily communicated through a form; therefore, this essay is your chance to voice who you are.**

Please note that a strong essay will provide concrete evidence and examples in support of your candidacy.

Additionally, please take time and care to **proofread** so that your personal statement is well-written, error-free, and grammatically correct.

The essay should contain a **minimum of 250 words. This is to be written only by the applicant.** Essays should be **typed or written neatly by hand and attached to the back of the application.**



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Teacher or Faculty Recommendation Form



Please return to Mrs. Roposh (Rm 405) or in the box in the workroom. **You can also email us with a total score and comment.**

Due by Tuesday, March 24th

(Do not give this form back to the student).

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Teacher Completing Recommendation: _____

Please rank the student according to the following (1=lowest, 5=highest)

1. Works well with others	1	2	3	4	5
2. Takes instruction easily and without hesitation	1	2	3	4	5
3. Is studious and hardworking in class	1	2	3	4	5
4. Is dependable	1	2	3	4	5
5. Has a good attitude	1	2	3	4	5
6. Helps others in any situation	1	2	3	4	5
7. Communicates well	1	2	3	4	5
8. Uses good manners	1	2	3	4	5
9. Is honest	1	2	3	4	5
10. Has the ability to set and achieve goals	1	2	3	4	5

Total: _____/50

Additional Comments:



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