Mt. Olive High School Chapter of the National Honor Society

** Selection Criteria Basics **

** Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) **

For those invited to the JUNE 2026 Informational Meeting:

Rising **Senior** students are permitted **by invitation only** to apply **in the Fall of 2026** for membership in the Mt. Olive High School Chapter of the National Honor Society if they have met the following criteria:

- ★ (**for the graduating class of 2025 and beyond**) Achieved a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher as of the end of marking period 3 during their Junior year
- ★ Please note that the minimum qualifying GPA may not be achieved by "rounding up"
- ➔ Students who are invited to apply must attend an informational meeting to learn of the specific steps and deadlines. The meeting occurs after marking period 3 grades have been finalized. **It is by invitation ONLY**.
- ➔ If the student intends to apply for NHS membership, he/she/they must submit a signed Letter of Intent form by the specified date to the Chapter Advisers.
- ➔ Then, he/she/they must complete a comprehensive application packet. There are multiple components to the application packet (posted on the MOHS website, Google Classroom, and explained at the informational meeting) -- all components must be completed and submitted to the Chapter Advisers ON TIME in order to be considered for membership.
- ➔ **Late Letters of Intent and/or late/incomplete application packets (including late Letters of Recommendation) will not be accepted.**
- ➔ Selection for membership is by a faculty selection committee consensus and is based on the student's demonstration of **the 4 pillars of National Honor Society membership: scholarship, character, leadership, and service.**

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What is the minimum required GPA to be inducted into NHS?

- **For the graduating class of 2025 and beyond,** a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher as of the end of marking period 3 during their Junior year
- The above minimum qualifying GPA may not be achieved by "rounding up"

What is the requirement for leadership positions?

Students should review the "Leadership" criteria (guidelines will be posted on Google Classroom and in the Student Life/Honor Societies tab on the MOHS website) and include sustained leadership. Students are strongly encouraged to document what they did, where they did the initiative(s), and the amount of time invested in the initiative(s). Students may or may not have a traditional or official "title" for the leadership activity; please describe the "role" and indicate the position/title, if available.

Can a student be accepted as a senior if they were not accepted as a junior (for the classes of 2025 and beyond)?

We will invite seniors – who were not accepted as juniors – to apply in the fall of their senior year as long as they meet the minimum GPA requirement and the service hour requirement.

When do service hours start counting for membership selection?

ONLY Service hours that are completed during high school are considered for membership selection. ***Hours from projects that are part of middle school or earlier are not counted****. As a general rule, we will count hours starting from September of freshman year.*

What is the recommended number of service hours to be eligible to apply for NHS membership consideration?

In order to apply, *Candidates for NHS must have 45 hours** of completed service -- at least 20 hours of which* ***MUST*** *be community-based service (non-MOHS). The membership selection committee (called "the faculty selection committee") values a mix of school and community service during the application evaluation process.*

**** Only true "volunteer" service hours count – hours for activities which are a requirement for membership in the club/organization's do not count.** For example, if tutoring is a requirement of an Honor Society membership, those hours may not be counted as "service" for your NHS application consideration.

How should the service hours for membership consideration be presented and documented?

On the Service and Leadership Templates, candidates should document and summarize their Service hours, specifically including: the school year when the Service was performed (i.e. Sophomore, Junior, etc); the dates and descriptions of activities; the total number of hours; a specific indication of the service hours as "MOHS" or "Community".

Applicants should be prepared to show proof (if asked) of the service from a legitimate organization (including the signature of a supervising staff member from such organization).

Examples of Proof of Service may include: Certificates from organizations that include dates, times, and brief descriptions of service; a timesheet or log that is also accompanied by a letter on official letterhead and signed by a supervising staff member. ***NOTE: Parents, family members, or peers MAY NOT substantiate your service hours.***

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