Tri-Valley High School National Honor Society Selection Guidelines

Due Friday, October 16, 2026

Much care and attention has been given to the formulation of the selection process guidelines at Tri-Valley High School. These are based on the National Constitution of NHS. To be considered for membership, an appointed Faculty Council of five members at the high school considers the candidate's demonstration and participation in the four pillars of the National Honor Society: **Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character**.

Please Note: Only Juniors and Seniors are able to apply for membership in NHS at TVHS.

SCHOLARSHIP

The minimum GPA must be a cumulative 3.75 or above for eligibility at TVHS.

Please provide an up to date transcript and include that within the paper application.

If you fall below this GPA once you are a member of NHS, you have one quarter to correct it; failure to do so may result in a student no longer being an active member of the NHS.

SERVICE

Students must have logged a minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service since the beginning of their Freshman Year.

Students should participate in a variety of service projects to be considered for selection. A student must show clear volunteer service during **at least** four different events. For example, a student may use 24 hours from their church **IF** the student volunteered in multiple ways and with different partnering organizations/at various events over different periods of time. Students may not use the same type of service from the same entity for all 24 hours.

****YOU MAY NOT USE ANY EVENTS/ACTIVITIES LISTED AS LEADERSHIP POSITIONS OR EXTRACURRICULARS AS VOLUNTEER HOURS****

****You MAY NOT USE any events as service hours that you are required to attend through your sport or another extracurricular activity****

Volunteers and provides dependable, well-organized assistance, and is willing to make sacrifices to offer assistance.
Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities without complaint
Enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
Participates in some activity outside of school, for example, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Community Youth Foundation, religious groups, or volunteer services for the poor, elderly or disadvantaged.
Mentors in the community or for younger students in our schools

Character

The National Honor Society supports the multi-faceted definition of character, known as the Six Pillars of Character.

A candidate will be able to demonstrate an outstanding record of conduct and behavior with regard to school and community rules, guidelines and policies, or be able to demonstrate sufficient growth and improvement to compensate for previous inadequacies.

Each candidate must provide a character reference letter within his/her application.

- This **can not** be from a family member.
- This **can not** be from a fellow student/athlete.

A **professional relationship** must be in place for the reference letter to be accepted. This relationship should be established starting in middle school through anytime to the present. Elementary school references will not be accepted, unless the professional relationship is still current.

This must come from an adult who has seen you exhibit the qualities below on **numerous** occasions. This **cannot** be a one-time experience.

Your character reference letter **must be signed** by the person who penned it. The letter must also include the contact information in case the reference is contacted for further information and/or clarification.

Possible references are as follows: boss, coach, adviser, etc.

A person of good character demonstrates the six following qualities: ***trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.***

If you have any questions regarding who you ask to provide a character reference letter, please ask. Your letter must include the above mentioned qualities in order to be acceptable. There must be clear and sufficient actions evidenced within the reference letter to show that you have the above mentioned qualities.

Leadership

To meet the leadership criterion for membership, a student must provide a letter of reference regarding their leadership abilities.

- These **can not** be from a family member.
- This **can not** be from a fellow student/athlete.

A **professional relationship** must be in place for the reference letter to be accepted. This relationship should be established starting in middle school through anytime to the present. Elementary school references will not be accepted, unless the professional relationship is still current.

This **must** come from an adult who has seen you exhibit the qualities below on **numerous** occasions. This **cannot** be a one-time experience.

Your leadership reference letter must be signed by the person who penned it. The letter must also include the contact information of the writer in case the reference is contacted for further information and/or clarification.

You may not use the same person who wrote your character reference for your leadership reference letter.

If you have any questions regarding who you ask to provide a leadership reference letter, please ask. Your letter must include the above mentioned qualities in order to be acceptable. There must be clear and sufficient actions evidenced within the reference letter to show that you have the above mentioned qualities.

Remember to complete the Leadership log on the application!

A student exercises leadership qualities when he or she:

Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals and spirit
Is able to delegate responsibilities
Inspires positive behaviors in others
Demonstrates academic initiative
Successfully holds positions of responsibility effectively and efficiently
Demonstrates reliability and dependability
Is a leader in the classroom, at work or in other school or community activities
Is dependable in any accepted role of responsibility

Application

When applications are made available, remember that **you** are the person responsible for filling out the application.
Candidates who do not fill out their own applications are not eligible for membership selection.
Applications must be turned in by the deadline. **No late applications will be accepted.**
Discipline referrals are taken into consideration and may result in your being declined acceptance into NHS.

There **is no appeal process** after final decisions have been made regarding acceptance into NHS.

Faculty Council

The faculty council is annually appointed by the NHS advisor. This body of 5 faculty members is responsible for the selection of members as well as the dismissal and discipline process. The faculty council members are to remain anonymous, according to the National Constitution of the National Honor Society. **The NHS advisor is an advisory, non-voting member of the council who is not involved in any membership status decisions.**

Submission Process Review:
Paper Copies Submitted to Student Services

1. First page of application
2. Transcript
3. 2 letters of reference; 1. Character 2. Leadership
4. Service Activity Log & Description
5. Leadership Positions
6. Extracurricular Activities
7. Awards, Honors or Special Events