Congratulations!
Your cumulative GPA is a minimum of 4.0.
You are invited to apply for membership into the *Palmerton Area High School Chapter of the National Honor Society*!

Name_____
Application picked up:_____(day and time)
The application handed to you from Mr. Knoll is the one you MUST complete. You may not use a copy from online.

PLEASE READ ENTIRE APPLICATION CAREFULLY

The purpose of this application is to aid the Faculty Council of the Palmerton Chapter of the National Honor Society in evaluating you for membership. If you feel that you meet the Scholarship, Character, Leadership, and Service Requirements, you are eligible to apply for membership.

This Application MUST be completed neatly and organized.

Please complete and return this application to Mr. Knoll no later than **Monday, November 2, 2026 by 2:25 PM**. ***Under NO circumstances*** will the application and any accompanying forms be accepted late. Completion of the forms does not guarantee acceptance.

Notification of accepted new members will be given approximately one week after applications are due. Listen to the announcements regarding information to pick up your letter. The 2026 Induction Ceremony of new members into the National Honor Society will be held on **Monday, November 23, 2026, at 630pm.** Attendance for this is mandatory.

NHS INFORMATION SHEET
2026-2027

(Print all information neatly in ink!!!)

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

MIDDLE NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER:_____

Graduation Year: _____

PARENT'S FULL NAME(S):

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MAILING ADDRESS:

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PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS:

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Palmerton National Honor Society

1. Applicants in grade 11 and 12 with a GPA of 4.0 or higher (based on the end of Marking Period 1 of the 2026-2027 School Year) may pick up a packet to begin the application process on Friday, October 16, 2026.
2. Deadline for Returning an application in person(only option!) is Monday, November 2, 2026 by 2:25PM in B241 to Mr. Knoll. There will be NO Exceptions!
3. Prospective Applicants will be notified of their status by Thursday, November 5, 2026.
4. Induction will be held on Monday, November 23, 2026 at 630pm.
5. The Community Service Requirement will be minimum 45 hours.
6. Students should see Mr. Knoll if the community service included is questionable.
7. You will need 4 Teacher recommendations. See application for details.
8. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Knoll at aknoll@palmerton.org

New NHS addendums for Fall of 2024 and beyond(effective April 2020)

PLEASE READ BELOW….VERY IMPORTANT

There will be a **zero-tolerance policy** for applicants and members regarding **cheating, lying, and plagiarism** during their high school careers. If there are any formal write-ups (minor or major) in these categories for the applicant prior to applying, the applicant will not be accepted. If the member acts in a manner resulting in the receipt of one of these discipline referrals, the member will be removed without a formal review due to the seriousness of these offenses. These offenses are the antithesis of an NHS member and cannot be tolerated by the NHS.

There will be a **zero-tolerance policy** for applicants and members regarding **attendance** in school. If an applicant or member has received or receives a major referral for tardies to school without formal excuses, the applicant will not be accepted, or the member will be removed from the NHS due to not having the proper character of an NHS member. This policy will apply to absences as well. If an applicant or a member have received a letter due to a high number of absences for a semester, the applicant will not be accepted, or the member will be removed from the NHS.

If a student has any disciple referrals prior to acceptance, the faculty council could decide to not accept the application.

Students, once inducted, will be asked to sign a MEMBER Contract, stating their intent to uphold the characteristics of a National Honor Society Member.

National Honor Society

Scholarship: The standard for scholarship for the Palmerton National Honor Society Chapter is:

- Cumulative grade point average of 4.0 or better (A student will not be accepted in the chapter with less than a 4.0 GPA). A student cannot have failed a class in high school or in a dual-enrollment class, even if he/she has a 4.0 GPA or higher.

Leadership: The student exercises leadership:

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
- Exercises positive influence on peers and upholding school ideals
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- Is able to delegate responsibilities
- Exemplifies positive attitudes
- Inspires positive behavior in others
- Demonstrates academic initiative
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility; conducts business effectively and efficiently; demonstrates reliability and dependability
- Is a leader in the classroom, at work, and in other school or community activities
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted
- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude

Service: The student who serves

- Volunteers and provides dependable and well organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition
- Does committee and staff work without complaint
- Participates in some activity outside of school, for example, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church groups, volunteer services for the elderly, poor or disadvantaged
- Mentors persons in the community or students at other schools
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers and students

*Service is not based on classroom work, projects, or activities for which grades or pay is given

Character: The student of character

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise and stability)
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- Regularly shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- Observes instructions and rules, is punctual, and faithful both inside and outside the classroom
- Has powers of concentration, self-discipline, and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application of studies
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others
- Actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment

National Honor Society – Palmerton High School Chapter

Service Requirement for Inducted Members

The following outlines the minimum service requirement for National Honor Society members:

Required Activities – all members must participate in the following activities:

a. Meet the Teacher
b. Palmerton Community Festival
c. NHS Induction
d. NJHS Induction
e. Babysitting PTO
f. Bloodmobile
g. Tutoring at SS Palmer
h. Easter Program
i. Letters to Santa
j. "BIG" Service Event (Turkey Trot, Raising the House)
k. Graduation
l. Palmerton Community Festival
m. Senior Awards Night
n. Summer Volunteer

** All members are expected to participate in all the above service activities. If you cannot participate in one of these activities because of some extenuating circumstances, you must inform the NHS advisor prior to the activity. **

II. **Other Activities** – all members must fulfill at least ten hours of service from no less than five of the activities below. These hours of service must be accomplished by the end of March of your senior year.

a. Freshman Orientation
b. Peer Tutoring
c. Lunch Buddies at SS Palmer
d. Community Clean Up
e. Booster Club Help
f. Purse BINGO
g. Additional Meet the Teacher
h. Toy Drive
i. Additional Palmerton Community Festival
j. Other, with permission

There may be other activities that get added to this list. Ideas for other service projects for our organization to help the community and school are always welcome. Make sure the activities are acceptable before you begin your service time.

III. Service is considered some act that is done for the benefit of others in the community or school. Therefore, fundraisers are NOT considered service since they only serve the purpose of service to us. ALL members are expected to take part in fundraisers.

IV. Members, once accepted, are responsible for recording their own service hours in the logbook held by the advisor.

V. Members who have not completed service hours will be issued a verbal warning of their status in the National Honor Society. If the student does not fulfill his/her service hours by the end of March in the senior year, the member may be dismissed by vote of the Faculty Council.

VI. A written warning will also be given whenever a member's GPA drops below a 4.0. Members will be given a probation period to bring up the grades. If the member does not, they will be dismissed by vote of the Faculty Council.

VII. Character is a major component of the Induction process. Should a member make poor choices, the Faculty Council will meet to discuss the proper consequences. A member could be dismissed by vote of the Faculty Council. This could be an observable action, not necessarily a discipline referral.

Clubs/Activities (Grade 9-12)

List all activities and sports outside of regular class work in which you take an active part and attend regularly. You have two areas to list activities: Palmerton Area High School sponsored activities, and activities outside of school. Examples of PAHS Sponsored Activities: FBLA, Student Council, Book Club, athletics, etc. Examples of Outside of School activities: Boy Scouts, 4H Club, Girl Scouts, etc. If there are any questions about whether participation in an activity or sport will be credited, please contact the advisor.

List the activity name and the grades (years) you were involved. Have the advisor fill out the member/integral member area and have them sign it.
A **member** would be considered a student who attends all the meetings and participates in normal events for the club, not going above and beyond any other member.
An **integral member** would be someone who devotes more time to the club than most members, participates at a higher level than most members.
*****If the advisor feels you are an integral member, they must write out an explanation for the rating on the following sheet.**

PAHS Sponsored Clubs/Activities

Activity Name	Grades	Member	Integral Member	Advisor Signature

PAHS Sponsored Clubs/Activities Integral Member Explanations

Only fill this out if you feel the applicant was an integral member in the club

Activity Name –
Year:
Explanation –

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Activity Name –
Year:
Explanation

Out of School Clubs/Activities

Activity Name	Grades	Member	Integral Member	Advisor Signature

Out of School Integral Member Explanations

Only fill this out if you feel the applicant was an integral member in the club

Activity Name –
Year:
Explanation –

Activity Name –
Year:
Explanation –

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Year:
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Activity Name –
Year:
Explanation –

Leadership (Grade 9-12)

List all leadership positions you are currently holding or have held in the past. Examples of PAHS Sponsored Leadership Positions: Class officer, Club/Activities officer, newspaper editor, team captain, etc. Examples of Outside of School Leadership Positions: Club/activities officer, Boy Scout pack leader, Girl Scout pack leader, committee chairperson, leader of a volunteer group or activity, etc. If there are any questions about whether leadership in an activity or sport will be credited, please contact the advisor.

List the activity name, leadership position held, and the grades (years) you held that position. Have the advisor fill out the officer/integral officer area and have them sign it.

PAHS Sponsored Clubs/Activities Leadership Positions(List your top 9)

				Integral	
Leadership Position	Activity Name	Grades	Officer	Officer	Advisor Signature

Out of School Clubs/Activities Leadership Positions

				Integral	
Leadership Position	Activity Name	Grades	Officer	Officer	Advisor Signature

Community Service/Volunteer (Grade 9-12)

Community service and volunteer work are those activities that are performed outside of school and for the betterment of the community. Examples of community service or volunteer work: church groups, service projects with Boy/Girl Scouts, benefit races, etc. You cannot receive compensation for the time and work, and it cannot benefit or be for a compensated job.

Please indicate the service/volunteer activity, the grade (year) served, number of hours, an advisor/sponsor/someone in charge name and signature, along with a working phone number or email contact for that person. Research into the legitimacy of the activity and hours spent can occur for anything written in this packet. If there are any questions about whether hours will be credited, please contact the advisor.

On the next page, **all** service and volunteer opportunities MUST have a written explanation of the task completed along with a signature of the person in charge. Any signed notes of participation must be attached to this application. If no explanation is given, the hours will not be counted. Please understand that this is just a part of being a qualified candidate and does not guarantee acceptance. This means that any service/volunteer time since the day after your eighth-grade graduation will count.

Community Service/Volunteer….minimum of 45 hours

Service/Volunteer Activity	Small Explanation	Grade(s)	Contact Person and email or phone number	Hours Spent

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Work Experience (Grade 9-12)

Work experience is described as paid employment performed outside of school.

Please indicate the employer, the grade (year) served, number of hours per week, a boss name, along with a working phone number or email contact for that person. Research into the legitimacy of the activity and hours spent can occur for anything written in this packet. If there are any questions about the job, please contact the advisor.

Employer	Hours per week	Grades Involved	Contact Person	Phone # or email

Awards/Recognition (Grade 9-12)

List any awards or recognition you have received.

Please indicate the award and the accomplishment associated with the award. This could include academics, athletics, eagle scout, etc. If there are any questions about the award, please contact the advisor.

Award	Accomplishment	Grade	Contact Person

Honors /AP Classes and College Credits (Grade 9-12)

Please indicate the name(s) of Honors or AP and college level classes and the grade taken. Please list the grade received for the course. If currently taking, please write "current". Research into the legitimacy of the activity and hours spent can occur for anything written in this packet. If there are any questions about the courses, please contact the advisor.

Course Name	Semester taken	Grade Received

Discipline Referrals

******Only fill in if you remember having a referral, Mr. Knoll will also check with the office before scoring the rubric for this area******

Date	Incident	Teacher/Administrator

Attendance Unlawful/Unexcused or Tardy

******Only fill in if you remember having an unexcused/unlawful absence or tardy, Mr. Knoll will also check with the office before scoring the rubric for this area******

Date	Unlawful/Unexcused Or Tardy

Questions

Please respond to each of the questions below:

- Your response to each question should be complete.
- Answer in a well-constructed paragraph of 100 words or less
- Your responses should be typed, font 12
- Responses will be evaluated according to the following criteria:
    - Length and Font
    - Grammar and Mechanics
    - Organization
    - Content – thorough responses

Question 1: Choose one of your volunteer experiences and tell the most rewarding aspect of it.

Question 2: Why should you be selected to join the National Honor Society? Do not mention your grades, grade point average, or class rank.

Question 3: Goals are important because they give a person something to strive for. What are your personal and professional goals?

Teacher Recommendations for National Honor Society

New (as of Fall, 2023)- A Google Doc will be shared with the entire PHS staff to rate your Character, Academics and Leadership in the school and the classroom.

Applicants must obtain **four** recommendations for their application packet. **One(at least) MUST be a written letter and the other 3 may be the enclosed Teacher Evaluation forms.**
*A minimum of two of these recommendations **must** come from **current** Palmerton Area High School teachers.
*The other two recommendations can come from another teacher, coach, or outside advisor.

All requests for recommendations should be made in a timely manner to allow the individual to return the needed documentation by the established deadline. **No** forms will be accepted after 2:25pm on Monday, November 2, 2026. The forms will be submitted by your recommender, so make sure you give plenty of time for them to get it to Mr. Knoll before the deadline.

DO NOT USE the Teacher Evaluation Form in this Packet. It is for your information only.

Copies of the Teacher Evaluation Form will be given to you by Mr. Knoll in B-241 when you pick up the application packet.

NHS Teacher Evaluation

Thank you for taking the time to complete this evaluation. Your responses will be used to help the Faculty Council in the membership selection process for the National Honor Society. Please be as objective and honest as possible in your assessment of the student. These are NOT shared with the student at any time. DO NOT RETURN TO APPLICANT……..RETURN TO MR. Knoll BY November 2, 2026 BY 2:25PM

Day and Time given to evaluator: _____

Student: _____Teacher: _____

What course(s) did you teach the student? **OR** What role did you act for the student?_____

Check the appropriate box that describes the character of the student.

Attribute	Extremely Outstanding (top 1%)	Excellent (top 10%)	Good	Below Average
Responsibility				
Maturity and self - discipline				
Integrity				
Resilience with setbacks				
Concern for others				
Cooperation with others				
Compliance with behavioral expectations				
Genuine concern for academic achievement				
Genuine concern for personal development				

_____ Recommend the applicant for NHS _____ Reservations on the applicant

Comments:

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_____

Signature: _____Date: _____

<u>DUE DATE</u> – This student information packet is due on

Monday, November 2, 2026 by 2:25 PM.
Under no circumstances will this packet be accepted after this date and time.

I declare that the information presented in this application form is true and accurate. I understand that completing this form does not guarantee selection into the NHS. I understand the requirements of NHS and agree to fulfill my responsibilities as a member if selected.

Student Signature: _____ Date: ____

I have read the information provided by my son/daughter on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete in its presentation.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____