

## **PURPOSE OF NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

National Honor Society (NHS), as its duties and responsibilities, has a high level of service to the community, a history of quality leadership, and the highest level of character and personal responsibility. As part of its purpose, National Honor Society includes the following characteristics: creating enthusiasm for scholarship; stimulating a desire to render service within the school and the community; promoting worthy leadership; and encouraging the development of the highest level of character, both within its members and within the community at large.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon a student: it is a privilege, not a right. The NHS National Constitution requires the election of society members by the Faculty Council to be based equally upon outstanding scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The Faculty Council's judgments are based on the information provided by the students as instructed in their candidate packet, and the Council's knowledge of the candidate. The Council reserves the right to deny membership to candidates on the basis of major disciplinary infractions. No candidate will be eligible for membership unless all the required forms are submitted by the specifically posted date. Special circumstances may be considered by the Faculty Council at their discretion. Selection for membership is by a majority vote of the Faculty Council.

## **REQUIRED SERVICE/LEADERSHIP/CHARACTER SURVEY SHEET**

You are required to turn your completed survey form to Google Classroom by [September 11, 2020 at 2:10 PM](#). Meeting this deadline is mandatory for further consideration. Completion of this survey does not guarantee automatic acceptance; however, not submitting this form will be interpreted as a lack of interest to be considered for NHS membership at this time. Absolutely NO late survey sheets will be accepted. Please remember that the decision of the Faculty Nomination Committee is final.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

Read the information about the purpose of NHS and the Massaco Chapter Bylaws. If NHS is an organization you want to contribute to, you will need to submit materials to the Faculty Council so that they can determine your eligibility. Complete all SEVEN sections of the attached Service/Leadership/Character Survey Form and submit your completed document to the NHS Google Classroom site. You need to be specific AND provide supportive detail from your experiences at school, in the community, in athletics, in religious environments, your employment, and any other aspect of your life that you deem relevant. Make sure you include everything you want the committee to know about you as you cannot add more information later.

**If you have any questions, please contact**

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## Service/Leadership/Character Survey Form

### SECTION 1: Community Service

*In the space below, please list each activity or organization for which you have currently volunteered (within the past TWO years), the number of hours served there, the dates that you volunteered, and the name of the supervising adult whom the NHS Faculty Council can contact for verification. Service activities are those which are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (money or other) has been given. Please remember not to include time spent participating in a required fundraising event for a sport, activity, or club. Please add more rows if necessary.*

<b>Activity/Organization Name Description of Work Completed</b>	<b>Date(s) Work and Total Hours Completed</b>	<b>Major Accomplishments and Contributions</b>	<b>Supervising Adult Name Phone/Email</b>
1.			<b>Name:</b> <b>PH or EM:</b>
2.			<b>Name:</b> <b>PH or EM:</b>
3.			<b>Name:</b> <b>PH or EM:</b>
4.			<b>Name:</b> <b>PH or EM:</b>
5.			<b>Name:</b> <b>PH or EM:</b>

**Note:** *The Massaco Chapter Bylaws revised in January 2020 state that you need a minimum of twenty (20) hours of community service to be eligible for NHS membership. Participation in service activities was always a prerequisite for membership, but the specific guidelines for total hours were more clearly delineated in the revised bylaws. In February 2020, Mr. Diana and Mrs. Williams informed your class that we would look for at least ten (10) hours by the fall for the 2020 NHS selection as it would be the first time the Faculty Council would be using the more clear service hour requirement. Normally if you did not meet the minimum service hour requirement, you would not be eligible for membership and would not complete the rest of this form. However, due to COVID, the Faculty Council understands that some of your planned service opportunities may have been altered. So even if you do not meet the minimum, as long as you have performed some specific and meaningful service, the Faculty Council would like you to complete the form and submit it for their review so they can consider you for membership.*

## SECTION 2: Leadership

*In the space below, please list all elected, appointed, or designated leadership positions held in school, in the community, or at work activities. Only those positions in which you were directly responsible for supervising, directing, or motivating others should be included. Describe your major accomplishments for each. Please add more rows if necessary.*

Sport, Club, Activity, or Organization Name	Year(s) as a member				Briefly explain your role and your major accomplishments
	9	10	11	12	
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
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### SECTION 3: Co-curricular Activities

*In the space below, please list the name of each sport, club, activity, or organization in which you have participated or served as a member within SHS or in the community. You can also include any jobs that you have had during your high school years. Do not repeat activities already listed above. Please add more rows if necessary.*

Sport, Club, Activity, or Organization Name	Year(s) as a member				Briefly explain your role and your major accomplishments
	9	10	11	12	
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## SECTION 4: Recognition, Awards, and Other

*In the space below, please list any honors or recognitions that you have received at SHS or in the community during your high school years and that support your bid to be selected for membership in the National Honor Society. You may also add anything else that you would like the Faculty Council to know about when considering you for membership. Please add more rows if necessary.*

Award, Honor, Recognition Other items you wish to share	Year(s) received				Briefly explain your role and your major accomplishments
	9	10	11	12	
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## SECTION 5: School Record

*In the spaces provided below, please answer each question. If any answer is "Yes," please provide the additional information as requested.*

<b><u>ATTENDANCE/TARDY</u></b>			
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>If Yes, please explain the reason</b>
Have you been absent or tardy more than six days per academic year? Explain the reason.			
<b><u>TEACHER, ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTIONS/SUSPENSIONS/LOP and/or OTHER DISCIPLINARY INFRACTIONS</u></b>			
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>If yes, provide the number of detention(s) and/or suspension(s). Then explain the situation(s) and what you learned.</b>
Have you received any detentions?			
Have you received any suspensions?			
Have you had any other disciplinary infractions (e.g. breaking a sports contract, cheating on class assignments)?			

## **SECTION 6: Personal Statement**

*Write a paragraph (at least 250 and less than 650 words) in which you explain why you feel your scholarship, service, leadership, and character qualify you for National Honor Society membership. In addition, please include specific details about how you intend to further the goals of NHS as a member.*

## SECTION 7: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NHS MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

If I am invited for membership in the Massaco Chapter of NHS,

<p>Typing my name in each box below indicates that I have read and accept the statement typed on the right. ALL statements must be accepted to be considered for NHS membership.</p>	<p>Statement</p> <p>If I am invited for membership in the Massaco Chapter of NHS,</p>
	<p>I will continue to represent high standards of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. If I do not, I know I can lose my NHS membership.</p>
	<p>I fully understand that NHS membership is not a right: it is a privilege based on my history of academics, service, leadership, and character.</p>
	<p>I fully understand that NHS is an organization that I want to join in order to be MORE involved in community service. I am choosing to commit time to return my talents and gifts to the community if I accept membership.</p>
	<p>I know that I will be responsible for providing additional service to the SHS community as a representative of the SHS Massaco NHS chapter. Service projects include ALL events planned by the elected officers and advisor. Examples include but are not limited to fundraising for scholarships; relay for life; volunteering at blood drives, local soup kitchens, and local road races; tutoring; mentoring freshman; performing a variety of tasks for which other SHS departments look to NHS members for assistance (Freshman orientation, parents' night, etc.); organizing anti-bullying campaigns; etc. The events vary from year to year and are based on requests from the school and community as well as the interest of the student leadership.</p>
	<p>I understand that according to national and SHS National Honor Society Bylaws, I can and will be dismissed from NHS if I do not maintain all academic, leadership, service, and character standards.</p>
	<p>I understand that a \$20 membership fee will be due to NHS after I am inducted into the chapter. Scholarships for financial need are available.</p>
	<p>I have completed this survey form in a truthful manner.</p>

**Thank you for completing this Survey Sheet in an honest and thorough manner. This information will be reviewed by the Faculty Council and be used along with information provided by all your teachers.**