



Dear Simsbury High School National Honor Society prospective candidate,

Congratulations on meeting or exceeding the GPA requirement to be considered for National Honor Society for the 2016-2017 selection process. Your excellent academic standing is an important factor used to determine if you have met the scholarship criteria, one of the four criteria for NHS nomination! Your scholastic average now qualifies you to provide the nomination committee more information and to be reviewed by the entire faculty for other aspects of scholarship as well as the other three standards that must be met to be nominated to the National Honor Society. **Scholarship** demonstrated by your GPA and respectful attitude toward learning in the classroom, **service** to the school and community, **leadership** in extracurricular activities, and **character** resulting in good citizenship are EQUALLY IMPORTANT attributes for National Honor Society nomination.

The attached “**REQUIRED SERVICE/LEADERSHIP/CHARACTER SURVEY SHEET**” provides you the opportunity to present the Faculty Committee information about your service, leadership, and character. Please write legibly and include sufficient detail for the committee to find evidence to evaluate and to support your selection to NHS. If you require more space, you may submit up to ONE single-sided page with additional information. There is a copy of this form on the NHS page on the school’s website and on the K drive in the ‘NHS’ folder should you wish to word-process your form. An exemplar of the Survey Sheet and sample resume can also be found on the NHS webpage.

An informational meeting describing the selection process is being offered on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 7p.m. in the amphitheater. After a brief presentation from the current NHS officers, an NHS advisor will be available to answer questions you may have.

You are required to turn your completed survey sheet and resume to Mr. Bette in room 121 by Wednesday, October 5, 2016 by 2:15 p.m. Meeting this deadline is mandatory for further consideration. Absolutely NO late survey sheets will be accepted. If the committee does not receive your survey sheet by the deadline, they will assume that you have chosen not to be considered for NHS membership at this time.

If you are selected, the selection committee will notify your parents by mail. If you are not selected, I will meet with you personally before sending a letter home to your parents.

NHS serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921. The purposes that guide all chapters of NHS is to create enthusiasm for scholarship; to stimulate a desire to render service; to promote leadership; and to develop character in the members. By choosing to join you are pledging not only to maintain a high level of excellence in scholarship, character, and leadership but also committing yourself to participate in all service programs and fundraising that the organization has planned to support the SHS community. This includes but is not limited to tutoring at SHS, HJMS and/or the elementary schools; fundraising for the NHS scholarship and/or school gift; helping or donating at the Red Cross blood drive; volunteering for school events; attending NHS meetings and induction ceremonies; and participating yearly in a service project that benefits the SHS community. Shortly after the induction ceremony a meeting of new members is held to introduce senior officers and to collect the \$20 membership dues.

Congratulations and Good Luck,

Mrs. Keirsten M. H. Williams
NHS Selection Chair and NHS Co-Advisor

REQUIRED SERVICE/LEADERSHIP/CHARACTER SURVEY SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please read these instructions completely. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Williams or Mr. Bette.
e-mail Mrs. Williams kwilliams@simsbury.k12.ct.us or stop by room 255

e-mail Mr. Bette bbette@simsbury.k12.ct.us or stop by room 121.

Forms are also available on the K: drive in a folder called NHS. Please word-process or write legibly and include sufficient detail for the committee to find evidence to evaluate and to support your selection to NHS. If you require more space, you may submit up to ONE single-sided page with additional information.

2. **Please turn in your ONE (1) PAGE resume with the Survey form.** Your resume should include community activities (Junior Achievement, political activities, Scouting, etc.), religious activities, employment, internships, school activities (athletics, student council, clubs, performing arts, and other) and awards received. Include the amount of time you spend on these activities (i.e. one week during the summer, one hour per week, three hours per year)
3. **Complete the following narratives.** These narratives will be used to evaluate your qualifications relative to leadership, service, and character. 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. Please remember that this survey sheet is a very important piece of evidence the committee will use to evaluate your credentials. **Turn in your survey form printed on SINGLE SIDED PAGES.**
4. Print or write your name on the top of every single sided page turned in.
5. **Use a PAPER CLIP (NOT a staple) to secure your Service/Leadership/Character Survey Sheet and your resume.**
6. Turn in your packet to Mr. Bette in room A121 as soon as possible and **no later than 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2016.** Completion of this survey does not guarantee automatic acceptance; however, NO response will be interpreted as a lack of interest.

Massaco Chapter National Honor Society Selection Criteria

The student who exercises LEADERSHIP:

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions.
- Demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities.
- Exercises influence on peers in 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 efficiently and effectively, and is reliable and dependable without prodding.
- Demonstrates leadership in the classroom, at work, and in school activities.
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.

The student who SERVES:

- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.
- Participates in some outside activity: Girls Scouts; Boy Scouts; church groups; volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged; family duties.
- Volunteers 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 interscholastic competition.
- Does committee and staff work uncomplainingly.
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

The student of CHARACTER:

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously.
- Constantly exemplifies desirable qualities of personality (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, 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.
- Shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others.
- Observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness both inside and outside the classroom.
- Has powers of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to 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 to rid the school of bad influences or environment.

The student who demonstrates SCHOLARSHIP:

- Maintains GPA at or above required level established in chapter bylaws.
- Respects and supports a productive teaching and learning environment in the classroom and school community.
- Is consistently punctual and well-prepared for class.
- Contributes positively to the academic culture of the school.
- Demonstrates academic integrity.
- Engages in learning process.
- Is resourceful in developing and implementing skills of a strong, confident learner.
- Reflects on positive and constructive feedback to improve comprehension and application of knowledge and skills.
- Applies problem solving skills in individual and team settings to accomplish challenging learning goals.

STUDENT'S NAME _____ (please print)

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Read the instructions and thoroughly fill this form and **return it on single sided pages paper clipped with your one-page resume to Mr. Bette in room A121** as soon as possible and **no later than 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2016.**

Completion of this survey does not guarantee automatic acceptance; however, NO response will be interpreted as a lack of interest. Please remember that the decision of the Faculty Nomination Committee is final.

SERVICE TO SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Identify and elaborate how you have provided **Service** in school and community activities. Provide supportive detail.

LEADERSHIP IN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Identify and elaborate how you have provided **Leadership** in school and community activities. Provide supportive detail.

STUDENT'S NAME _____ (please print)

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CHARACTER EVIDENCE IN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Identify and elaborate how you have demonstrated good citizenship and positive **Character**. Provide supportive detail.

TROJAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY Check if you attended. Grade 9 ____ Grade 10 ____ Grade 11 ____ (to date)

ATTENDANCE/TARDY If you have been absent or tardy more than five days per academic year, explain the reason.

TEACHER , ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTIONS/SUSPENSIONS/LOP and/or OTHER DISCIPLINARY INFRACTIONS

Have you received any detentions? Yes ____ No ____ Have you received any suspensions? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, provide the number of detention(s) and/or suspension(s) and the reason(s) for each one.

Have you had any other disciplinary infractions (e.g. breaking a sports contract, cheating on class assignments)?

Yes ____ No ____

If yes, explain the situation(s) and what you learned.

STUDENT'S NAME _____ (please print)

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

(Initial all that you accept; ALL must be accepted to be considered for NHS membership)

____ I will continue to represent high standards of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. If I don't I know I can lose my NHS membership.

____ I fully understand that NHS membership is a privilege not a right.

____ 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 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.

____ 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.

____ I understand that \$20 membership fee will be due to NHS shortly after I am inducted into the chapter. Scholarships for financial need are available.

My signature signifies that I completed the above questions in a truthful manner.

Signature _____ *Today's Date* _____

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

Completion of this survey sheet does not guarantee selection. Not returning this Survey Sheet to Mr. Bette in room A121 by 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2016 will eliminate students from further consideration.