



St. Augustine High School
National Honor Society
Membership Application

Dear National Honor Society Applicants:

Membership in the National Honor Society is a special honor accorded sophomores and juniors who have earned a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average and also demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership, character, and service to school and community. These criteria are set on a national level and our local chapter must abide by them.

Membership is nationally recognized as an honor because of the strict selection criteria--a procedure similar across the country. Election to membership means that students may list their membership on college and scholarship applications, job applications, and personal resumes now and in the future. It will give them special recognition.

Membership also carries with it the added responsibility of continued service and a willingness to uphold the high standards of the organization. NHS will be planning and carrying out school and community service projects during the school year. NHS members will be responsible for deciding on projects and implementing an action plan. Membership is, of course, optional.

Students who would like to be considered for induction into National Honor Society need to submit evidence of their leadership, service and character. I highly recommend that you read through the application and its instructions very carefully before completing and submitting your application. If you have any questions, please contact me and I will be happy to talk to you about the application. **All applications are due to Ms. Herrera (B223) or Mr. Richardson (C305) no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 16, 2018. Absolutely no late applications will be accepted.**

A faculty council will evaluate the applications on the basis of leadership, character, service, and scholarship and will make the final selection. Students then will be notified of their selection. New member dues are \$28. **Please remember that application does not guarantee acceptance into the National Honor Society.** Congratulations and Good Luck!

National Honor Society Application Essay

Respond to the following question in a 200-300 word essay. Your essay should be typed and double-spaced. The font should be Times New Roman with a size of 12. The essay should be thoughtful, well-planned, and written for a formal, discerning audience. A printed copy of your essay must be turned in with your application by the due date. **Applications returned without essays will not be considered.**

1. Why should you be selected for National Honor Society?

Strong	Sufficient		Limited
Content (10)	Candidate demonstrates a strong understanding of his/her strengths, leadership, and/or community need through specific, thorough, and well explained examples. 10-9 points	Candidate demonstrates a sufficient understanding of his/her strengths, leadership, and/or community need through somewhat specific and adequately explained examples. 8-7 points	Candidate demonstrates a limited understanding of his/her strengths, leadership, and/or community need through non-specific and poorly explained examples. 6-0 points
Writing Style (10)	Candidate demonstrates a strong awareness of task, uses a sophisticated arrangement of ideas, and showcases a precise and illustrative variety of words and sentence structure. 10-9 points	Candidate demonstrates a sufficient awareness of task, uses a functional arrangement of ideas, and showcases a generic variety of words and sentence structure. 8-7 points	Candidate demonstrates a limited awareness of task, uses an inconsistent arrangement of ideas, and showcases a limited variety of words and sentence structure. 6-0 points
Conventions (5)	Candidate demonstrates a strong control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage and sentence formation. (0-1 errors) 5-4 points	Candidate demonstrates a sufficient control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage and sentence formation. (2-3 errors) 3-2 points	Candidate demonstrates a limited control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage and sentence formation. (4+ errors) 1-0 points

I understand that completing this form does not guarantee selection to NHS, and that the information presented here is accurate and complete in its presentation.

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 Signature

Date

Teacher Recommendation- 2 required

_____ exemplifies the principles of Leadership, Scholarship, Responsibility, and Service and will be an asset to the National Honor Society.

1. _____ Date: _____

2. _____ Date: _____

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