



DE SMET HIGH SCHOOL

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY APPLICATION COVER SHEET

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

Please initial each box prior to submitting your application.

- ☐ Type the application and **neatly paper clip (DO NOT STAPLE)** it together in **correct order** [Cover Sheet, Commitment Contract, Application (pages 3-8) & two Letters of Recommendation]
- ☐ Attach a **Resume**, if specified in application.
- ☐ Application submitted to Mrs. Johnson no later than 3:30pm on Thursday, March 28, 2024
- ☐ Failure to submit the necessary information by the deadline will result in disqualification for the current school year.

IMPORTANT: Please read complete the following

If accepted for membership in the National Honor Society, I agree to the following:

1. I will participate in ALL monthly NHS meetings.
2. I will accumulate 25 hours of community service during each year of membership.
3. I will participate in the 2 group service projects NHS hosts per semester.
4. I will uphold at least 15 hours of or 2 leadership positions during each year of membership.
5. I will not let my grade point average fall below a cumulative 3.33 any semester.
6. I will abide by all school rules, local, state and federal laws.
7. I will attend Induction practice and the Induction Ceremony each year of membership.
8. I understand that failure in any of the above areas is grounds for removal from NHS.
9. I will sign and abide by the De Smet High School's Student Handbook & NHS Commitment Contract.

Applicant Signature & Parent/Guardian Signature

I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that any inaccurate or misleading information will jeopardize my membership privilege. I further certify that I will, if accepted, abide by the rules and support the goals of the National Honor Society.

Applicant Signature

We have reviewed this application and the attached cover letter. We are aware of the requirements for application and recognize that failure to comply with these standards may disqualify this application. We have reviewed the attached selection criteria. We also understand that students selected for the National Honor Society must attend meetings and functions as required. We recognize that students will be required to perform community service hours, uphold leadership positions and maintain a high degree of character; we understand that failure to do so may result in removal from the NHS.

STUDENT NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

STUDENT SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

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NHS APPLICATION COMMITMENT CONTRACT

Have you ever been suspended from school or from athletic/activity participation due to violation of the governing Code of Conduct? **Yes** **No**

If yes, please provide a brief explanation of the event and the date of its occurrence. Also, explain what you have learned from this experience and how you have changed your behavior.

I understand that if my application is found to contain false or misleading information it will result in the applicant, if selected, having their membership revoked and removed from NHS. I further understand that completion of this form does not guarantee membership, but I am being considered for membership in the National Honor Society

I understand that the faculty selection data is confidential. Since the selection rating information is a temporary record, it will be destroyed upon completion of the selection process.

I understand that I have already met the academic requirement for membership. In addition to the academic requirements, leadership and service, both in and outside of school, is required for membership. Candidates must also demonstrate a high level of integrity. Character, leadership and service are equally weighted during the selection process. Although students who attain high academic achievement are to be commended, I understand that membership is not guaranteed to anyone strictly on the basis of grade point average.

Once the NHS application has been submitted for potential membership, the NHS candidate is fully accountable for his/her character both in and out of school. Any infraction that occurs after the NHS application is submitted must be reported, by the applicant, immediately to the NHS advisor(s). This includes incidents such as violation of the athletic/activity code of conduct, and/or school suspensions, or other questionable behavior.

I have read and understand the above application and have provided accurate information. I understand that after submission of my application I am holding myself to a code of conduct that exemplifies the pillars of National Honor Society and if for any reason (drinking, smoking, drugs, drop in GPA, or other violation against the pillars) I fail to uphold those standards my membership will be revoked.

Student Signature (Required): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (Required): _____

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Directions: Please complete all the light-blue highlighted areas of this form. Do not be modest. All information is useful to the faculty council. Please, when completing this form, follow the instructions as enumerated on the yellow handout. You may acquire these instructions from a librarian.

Completion of this form is necessary for selection yet does not guarantee selection. Any section that is left blank without subsequent explanation will be considered invalid.

I. Applicant’s Information (Please type or print):

Name:			
	First	Middle	Last
Address:	Street	City	State Zip Code
Phone:	()	-
Email:			

II. Sections required:

A. Co-curricular Activities: List all activities in which you have participated during high school. (Example: clubs, teams, musical groups.) Include a few details about your accomplishments in those activities. Or, you may type “See Attached Resume” and include a current resume.

ACTIVITY	“X” :those years of participation				Primary Accomplishment(s)
	9	10	11	12	

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Required sections to be completed for membership in the National Honor Society - cont'd.

List additional comments. If the above section is left blank, please explain why.

B. Leadership Positions: List leadership positions which you have held or currently hold in school, in the community, or at work in which you have been responsible for directing or motivating others. (Examples: student body/class/club officer, tutor, teaching assistant, committee chairperson, team captain, newspaper editor or staff, work area manager.) Or, you may type “See Attached Resume” and include a current resume.

Position	“X” :those years of participation				Name of Organization
	9	10	11	12	

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C. Community Activities: List activities you have participated in *outside* of school that have contributed to the betterment of the community. (Examples: church groups, 4H, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, volunteer groups or community art endeavors.) Or, you may type “See Attached Resume” and include a current resume.

Community Activity	“X” :those years of participation				Average number of HRS/WK contributed	Primary Accomplishments	Adult Sponsor: name and phone
	9	10	11	12			

List additional comments. If the above section is left blank, please explain why.

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D. Work Experience, Recognition, and Awards: List all (paid or volunteer) job experiences, honors and/or recognitions that you have received which support this application for National Honor Society membership. Or, you may type “See Attached Resume” and include a current resume.

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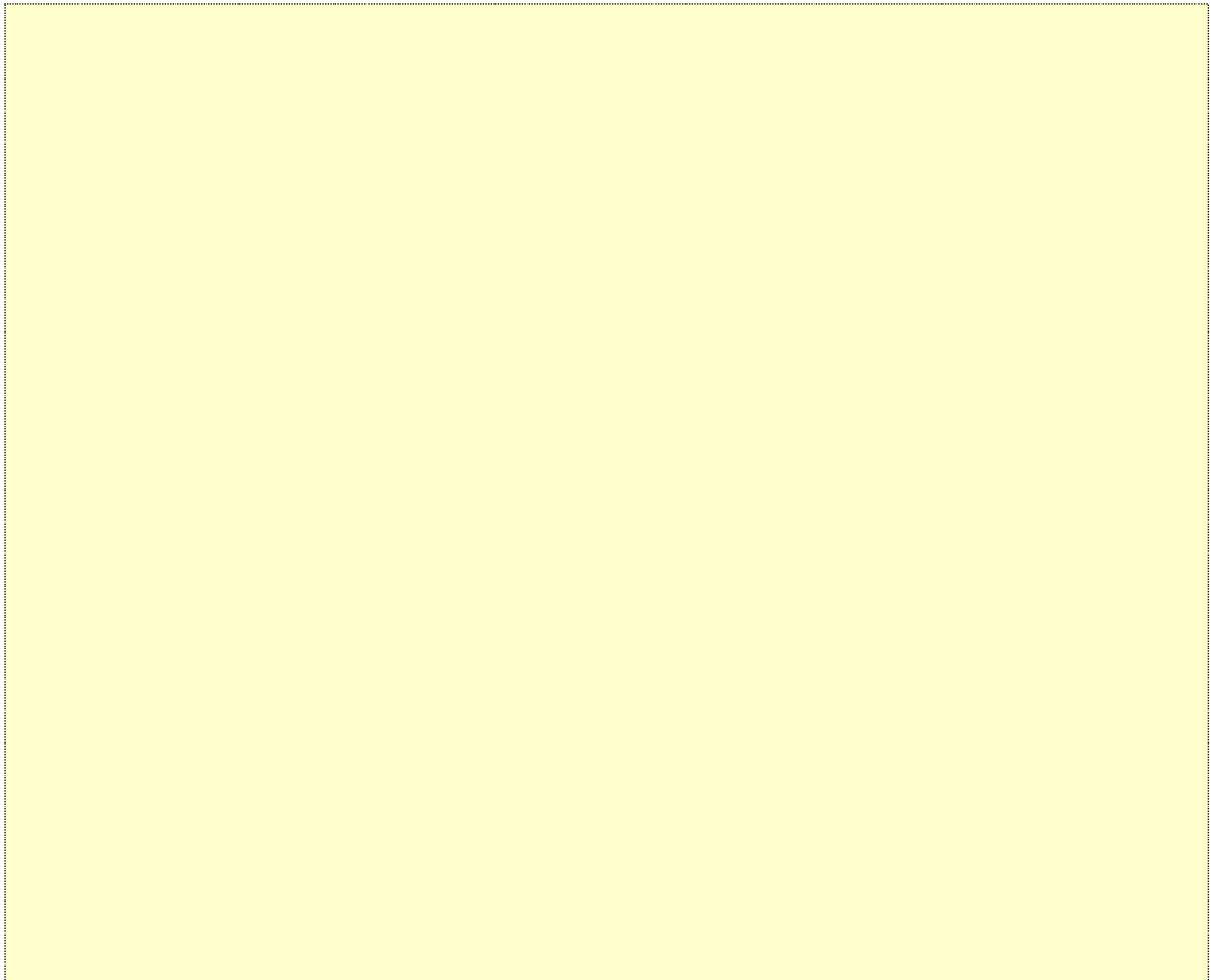
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III. Two Letters of Recommendation (Please print page 9 and 10 of the application to use for your teacher and community recommendations).

IV. Essay: Respond to each of the following essay items in the space provided below. Please limit your responses to a maximum of 250 words each.

A. What attribute do you most admire about your character and what attribute do you least admire about your character? Provide at least two anecdotes about yourself that best illustrate your CHARACTER considering the questions above. *Note: do not include your name in the essay, but personal stories or characteristics are acceptable.*



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B. What do you see as the function of an organization such as the National Honor Society? If selected to NHS, how would you contribute to its growth and success? What service activities would you like to see NHS pursue this year? *Note: do not include your name in the essay, but personal stories or characteristics are acceptable.*

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Letter of Recommendation - TEACHER

Directions to Student: Identify someone in the school who can attest to the SERVICE, CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP that you have provided over the past two years and/or longer. Provide him/her with an envelope addressed to Mrs. Johnson and have him/her sign the sealed envelope and return it with your application. **All letters must be received by 3:30 pm on Thursday, March 28, 2024.**

Directions to Writer: De Smet High School is in the process of selecting National Honor Society members. We would like your feedback as to the SERVICE and/or LEADERSHIP this applicant has demonstrated. Please comment on:

- ♦ *the applicant's commitment to service*
- ♦ *the nature of the activities*
- ♦ *how this person demonstrated leadership in events or organizations*
- ♦ *additional comments about the CHARACTER (honesty, reliability, etc.) of the applicant*

Please seal the envelope, sign over the seal and return it to the student; please reference the student on the front of the envelope.

Student Name: _____

Writer's Name: _____

Signature of Writer: _____ Date: _____

Position: _____

Phone Number: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please use the space below or attach a separate letter to this page to comment on this individual's character, service and leadership based on your observations and experiences. Please do not use the back of this page.

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Letter of Recommendation - COMMUNITY

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