



## Fraser High School NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

### Eligibility, Selection Procedures, Rules and Regulations

Established by the National Honor Society, the NASSP, and Fraser High School

### Eligibility

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors who meet the following criteria may apply for membership:

1. Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher  
NHS eligibility is based on students' fourth or sixth semester cumulative grade point average. This is different from the GPA printed on individual quarterly or semester report cards.
2. Have completed an average of 1 accelerated class each semester.
3. Have completed an average of 15 hours of community service for each year of high school.
4. Show involvement in the school or community through extra-curricular activities.

Inducted NHS members must earn NHS Honor Cords by maintaining their excellent academic standing, outstanding character and sustained commitment to NHS. Members in good standing must complete required service hours and participate in NHS functions to earn honor cords.

### Selection Process

The National Honor Society selection process focuses on each eligible student's demonstration of his or her excellence in **scholarship, leadership, service, and character**.

**A.** In order to be considered a candidate, a student must:

1. Attend the informational interview to receive an application and electronic application folder. The required forms will be in your folder.
2. Truthfully, correctly, and thoroughly complete the application—leaving no blank pages
3. Upload a completed application by the due date. Late applications will not be accepted.

**B.** Candidates will be placed on a list that will be given to all teachers. Teachers will rate leadership, service, and character traits of the candidates whom they know. Administrators will also provide documentation of character through the school wide behavior tracker.

**C.** A faculty council will review and evaluate each candidate's application for completeness and commitment. Candidates that do not meet the requirements may reapply the following year.

**D.** Candidates will be evaluated on the four pillars described below.

1. **Scholarship**—Candidates' scholarship will be based on cumulative academic performance. Advisors will request official transcripts once applications are submitted.

2. **Service**—Candidates' service will be evaluated by how much voluntary time they spend making the lives of others better. Activities include work done with charitable organizations, the aged, disabled, disadvantaged, the sick or poor. **Candidates' must demonstrate some activities for unknown, unrelated, individuals or the environment.**
3. **Leadership**—In addition to the items listed on your application, faculty members will receive a list of candidates. Teachers will rate observable leadership traits of candidates they know.
4. **Character**— Recommendation forms and faculty evaluations will be used to evaluate the character of each candidate. Administrative behavior reports will also be considered. These ratings will be collected to achieve a composite profile for character.

Completing and returning a candidate packet does not imply or assure selection (membership).

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORMS**

Use the application forms to document your community service and activities during high school (summer before 9<sup>th</sup> grade through September 1 of the application year). Include everything that you feel will assist the selection committee.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** Fill in all columns on the form. For sponsor/coach fill in a name and e-mail address for the adult in charge. In addition to the form, please provide **two** recommendation forms. Applicants should fill out the top section of the recommendation form and then have the sponsor or coach complete and sign where indicated. You may use more than one adult for each activity (ie The band director could fill out one form and the band booster president can fill out a second form; same activity but different adults). The sponsors should return completed forms directly to students for upload into the application folder. Photographs of handwritten documents are acceptable.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE: Fill in all columns on the service record form. For the advisor/sponsor column, fill in a name and e-mail address.** In addition to the service log, please provide **two** reference forms. References from non-family members are preferred. The sponsors should return completed forms directly to students for upload into the application folder. Photographs or scans of handwritten documents are acceptable. Make sure that scans are legible.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS:** List any other items that demonstrate your participation in activities such as, offices held, and honors or awards received.

**LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:** List any elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community, or work. **Examples:** committee work, elected officer, committee chairperson, team captain, newspaper editor, work area manager, coach, or community leader.

**Feel free to attach additional documents. Keep a copy of the completed application folder for yourself.**