



North Allegheny Senior High School Application for National Honor Society



Congratulations! Based on your academic grade point average you are invited to apply for membership to the North Allegheny Senior High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. A faculty selection committee will soon be reviewing students who are academically eligible for membership. To be eligible for membership, students must be a first semester senior or second semester junior in good standing and have a weighted cumulative GPA of at least a 3.9500. **Membership in the National Honor Society is based upon excellence in 4 areas: character, leadership, service, and scholarship.**

***Character** may be the most important yet difficult trait to evaluate. Requirements include demonstrating integrity, positive behavior, ethics, cooperation, and reliability in and out of school. **Your personal letter of recommendation is the best way to validate your character. Carefully complete this section.** You will not be considered if you have been involved in a pattern of behavior that questions your character. Examples may include suspensions, administrative discipline, cheating, or plagiarism. If any teacher or administrator questions your character or actions, you may not be considered.

***Leadership** requirements include a demonstration of leadership in school as well as outside of school. You must show that you can lead a group. We are looking to see that you have been elected or appointed to any type of office in a club or organization, if you help organize and conduct activities in the community or in your place of worship, or if you have a position of authority in a job outside of school. Many students are leaders in various ways without ever being elected to a leadership position. You will have an opportunity to describe your leadership skills in this section as well.

***Service** requirements include involvement in service projects since the start of the high school career. One of the main purposes of NHS is service to others. You must submit at least 10 hours of community service that were completed **in the past 12 months. All service hours must come from community organizations.** Community organizations may be but are not limited to religious groups, charity groups or any non-profit organization. **No school related service hours will be accepted. School related service hours will be considered under leadership and/or character sections.** All service hours submitted must take place outside of the school day or on weekends. You must submit a name, phone number, and signature of a person who can verify your hours. A parent signature is not acceptable. **You are also required to write a 1 page essay** relating to the 4 pillars of NHS.. Upon completion please place the essay in the envelope with your application and recommendation.

After students become members of the National Honor Society, they are reviewed periodically by the advisors and must maintain the high standards of the Society. Active members in the National Honor Society are required to maintain a cumulative 3.95 QPA or better and live up to the character, leadership, and service ideals of the National Honor Society. NHS members must follow the North Allegheny Code of Conduct.

Students who are invited to apply to the National Honor Society membership are under no obligation to complete the attached forms. **However, if not completed in its entirety you will not be considered for membership.** Although you are to be commended for maintaining a high scholastic average, please understand that **membership is not guaranteed to anyone.** The final decision for membership comes from the faculty council, where the NHS sponsors are non-voting members. The faculty council and the NHS sponsors are not required to reveal sources, but if you are not selected the sponsors will notify you as to why. It may also be necessary to interview various nominees if questions arise in the selection process.

PLEASE NOTE:

The applicant is responsible for completing the application and contacting adult sponsors for signatures.

ALL sections of the application form must be completed in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. Please type or print with ink. Be clear and detailed in your responses. Please prioritize your activities, listing those to which you had the greatest commitment first. Avoid repeating your involvement in organizations/activities in more than one section of the application form. In some cases, your activities might fit into more than one category. Choose the placement that makes most sense to you.

The application requests the name of an adult sponsor who can verify your involvement in the activities listed. You **MUST** include the adult sponsor's name and contact information (e-mail or phone number) and **get their signature.**

Completed applications are due to Mr. Tengowski in Room 314 by the due date explained in the candidate letter. Please see letter and checklist for specific due dates.

Details of the induction ceremony will be discussed after the Selection Committee reaches its decision.

1B. HONORS AND AWARDS

Below, list any honors or awards that you have received throughout your high school experience. These can be either from North Allegheny or outside organizations.

Honor or Award	9	10	11	12	Date Received	Explanation of Award

1C. WORK/INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

List below any job/work experiences you have had during high school. Work or Internship experience may be paid or volunteer. Do not list anything below that is also listed under the Service section. Work experience may include some of the following types of activities: babysitting, farm work, lawn work, employment at a local place of business, etc. **Name of employer and phone numbers are required for work experience. Signatures are not required.**

Job Experience	10	11	12	Duties at work	Start and End date	Employer Name and Phone/Email (Please Print)

PART 2: LEADERSHIP

2A. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE: List all elected or appointed positions held in school or athletic leadership positions. Only the positions in which you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. For example, club officer, committee chairperson, newspaper editor, work manager, church youth group officer, etc. **Sponsor name and contact info are required.**

Leadership Position	9	10	11	12	Sponsor Name and Phone/Email (Please Print)	Sponsor's Signature (Please sign only if this individual is an active member)

2B. EXAMPLES OF LEADERSHIP - IF 2A DOES NOT APPLY TO YOU

Many students are leaders in various ways without ever being elected to a leadership position. In this section we want you to describe how you are a leader in your classroom, school, and /or community. **Student leaders are resourceful, good problem solvers, idea contributors, dependable, and have a positive attitude about life.** In the chart below, list a leadership quality that you possess and then give an example of a time when you demonstrated this quality.

Leadership Quality	Example that Demonstrates this Quality
Examples: Academic Initiative Dependable	I often lead classroom discussion in my English class. I always arrive to my job at Dairy Queen on time, and pick up shifts for others.

PART 3: SERVICE

3A. SERVICE ACTIVITIES: List all the community service activities you have participated in that have benefited the school and/or the community. Service activities are those which are done for or on behalf of others (not immediate family members) for which NO compensation (monetary or other) have been given.

All service hours must come from community organizations and be completed outside of the school day or on weekends. Community organizations may be but are not limited to religious groups, charity groups or any non-profit organization. **You must submit at least 10 hours of community service that have taken place in the past 12 months. No school-related service hours will be accepted.** School-related service hours can be placed under the leadership and/or character sections.

List the name of the adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each activity. **Verifying signatures and phone numbers are required.** A parent signature is not acceptable.

Community Activity and Explanation	Start and End date	Total Hours (in past 12 months)	Sponsor Name / Phone Number (Please Print)	Sponsor Signature

TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVICE HOURS (IN PAST 12 MONTHS) =

PART 4: ESSAY

Selection for membership into NHS is based on Scholarship, Character, Leadership, and Service. Explain how your commitment to these four principles will allow you to be a contributing and influential member of NHS. Please attach a typed document no more than 1 page in length. The essay should follow all applicable writing and grammar conventions.

