

National Honor Society Information

Membership in the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. Our chapter of NHS has worked hard to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and the community. No student is inducted simply because of high academic achievement. The standards used for selection are scholarship (3.5 weighted GPA), leadership, service, and character as demonstrated in your Candidate Selection Application and teacher evaluations. The National Honor Society strives to recognize the total student—one who excels in all of these areas.

4 Pillars of National Honor Society:

SCHOLARSHIP - To be a candidate for NHS, students must have earned a weighted, cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher as of August 2023. Once selected, members must maintain a weighted 3.5 GPA to remain an active member.

SERVICE – Candidates will be selected based on their previous community service hours. Once selected, members must continue to participate in a both NHS and non-NHS sponsored service activities to maintain their membership. Students should maintain a higher than required number of community service hours: 30 hours of service minimum per year.

LEADERSHIP – Candidates will be selected based on any leadership positions held as well as their participation in co-curricular activities. Once selected, members must earn points for organizing, contributing to or participating in (an) NHS service drive(s).

CHARACTER – Candidates must show good character which will be evaluated by recommendations and a writing prompt. The Six Pillars of Character must be upheld throughout a student's membership.

Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship

Membership, however, is more than an honor. It is an ongoing responsibility and an obligation to continue to demonstrate the 4 pillars of NHS. You must continue to maintain a 3.5 or higher weighted grade point average and continue to serve the school and the community through your leadership, service and character. Your membership also carries a responsibility to the chapter. If our chapter is to be effective and meaningful, each member must become involved.

The following requirements must be met in order to maintain your membership and earn the honor of wearing a cord at your graduation ceremony:

- Attend one meeting per month (held virtually this semester)
- Pay \$15 dues per year (due the first week of school, or before admission)
- Earn 2 drive points each year (Drive points are earned by participating in NHS drives or developing new drive ideas.)
- Participate in a minimum of 30 hours of community service annually (at least 10 inside hours and 15 outside hours)

Application Information:

Between October 13th and October 23rd:

1. Complete the online form found in your email.

(Also accessible at bit.ly/CSMBNHSApplication2025)

This form includes a typed 250-500 word essay with the following prompt:

National Honor Society values scholarship, character, service and leadership above other ideals. Describe what those ideals mean to you. In addition, reflect on your strengths and weaknesses in relation to these ideals.

2. Send the link to the recommendation forms to your two recommenders.

One recommendation will come from a teacher, another should come from outside the school. These forms can be found on the NHS website.

After October 23rd:

- A faculty committee appointed by the principal will evaluate each candidate based on a rubric (available to applicants on the NHS page on Mr. Gilbert's website).
- They will focus on :
 - Academics
 - Activities and Leadership
 - Community Service
 - Your Essay
 - Your Recommendations
- You will be notified if you are accepted by the end of the day on October 31st.
- The induction ceremony will take place at Collegiate in the first two weeks of November, date TBA.

ALL APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED & RETURNED TO THE FACULTY ADVISOR

By 3:27 P.M. Thursday, October 23rd, 2025

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

If you have questions about anything related to the CSMB Chapter of National Honor Society, please contact Mr. Gilbert in person or via email (william.gilbert@slps.org).