

HOWARDS GROVE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SELECTION PROCESS

Membership of the Howards Grove High School National Honor Society is open to qualified juniors and seniors. The academic requirement is a 3.5 grade point average (G.P.A.) on a 4.0 scale in both the cumulative academic G.P.A and cumulative total G.P.A. The Faculty Council, a group of five faculty members appointed by the principal, will review and judge all academically qualified students on leadership, service and character. During this evaluation process, the Faculty Council may choose to elicit the opinions of fellow staff members. Final selection of potential members shall be made by a majority vote of the Faculty Council. Academically-qualified individuals not selected may request a hearing with the Faculty Council. Upon the authority of the Faculty Council, the chapter adviser will then offer membership to the selected potential members. Those individuals will also be made aware of the fact that membership in the National Honor Society requires completion of the activities mentioned in Article XII of the Howards Grove High School National Honor Society Constitution. Any individual that agrees to these requirements and standards will become an active member upon acceptance into National Honor Society.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

- A. All students interested for consideration of induction to National Honor Society will need to submit the following information to express interest in becoming an NHS member. This packet of information should include:
 - 1. A completed interest form that includes documented service hours. Verified service requires signatures for service hours from the respective supervisor for the service activities.
 - 2. The essays regarding service and character as described on page three of the Candidate Form.

- B. Students must meet the minimum requirements as listed below in regards to Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

Scholarship

"Students who have both a cumulative academic and cumulative total grade point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) meet the scholarship requirement for membership. These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, and character."

Leadership

Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activity while working with or for others.

Students who meet the Criteria for Scholarship and have participated in 4+ extracurricular, co-curricular, or community activities are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service and leadership. (ie. Athletics, FFA, 4H, Eagle Scout, Pep Club, Skills USA, Student Council, etc...)

Service

This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.

Students are expected to complete at least 15 hours of “service work” to be considered for NHS induction. Therefore, students who meet the criteria for Scholarship and Leadership and have completed at least 15 hours of verifiable “service work” (please see criteria for service project Article XII, Section 1) are then eligible for consideration on the basis of character.

Character

The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability and shows courtesy, concern and respect for others.

Students are expected to not have any suspensions or athletic code violations within one calendar year of the induction ceremony date. Students who meet the criteria for character, service, leadership and academics, will be accepted into the HGHS National Honor Society.

Once selected by the local selection committee, a student is awarded membership in the local chapter at a special induction ceremony. With induction, a member assumes certain obligations. At Howards Grove High School, each member performs a minimum of 15 hours a year of Faculty Council-approved service hours.