

We want the National Honor Society to be more than just something you put on your college application. We want a group of students who are ready and willing to help the community.

Important Dates for Application

- ✦ Mandatory meeting for all interested students on Tuesday, February 4, 2025. Unfortunately, if you miss this meeting, you cannot be considered for induction in May 2025.
- ✦ Applications will be made available February 4, 2025 for sophomores and juniors on our Google Classroom page using code: **skmchaa**
- ✦ Applications must be typed and will be due by March 14, 2025 by 2:30pm.
- ✦ You will be notified if you are accepted April 1, 2025 in your first period class by the officers!
- ✦ There will be a mandatory meeting for all new members on April 8, 2025 at 2:30pm.
- ✦ Induction Ceremony is Sunday, May 4, 2025 in the OHS Theater at 2pm.



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2024-2025 Officers

Thomas Kirwan, President
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Information for applicants to be
inducted in May of 2025

The purpose of the National Honor Society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in students of secondary schools. The National Honor Society is a community service organization. We donate our time to help the community in a variety of ways. **There are four pillars of the National Honor Society: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.** We look for these qualities in all of our applicants. We are looking for dedicated applicants who will play an active role in our community-service activities.

Scholarship If you have at least a 90% un-weighted average, you will fulfill the scholarship requirement of the application. Although scholarship is important, it is not the only thing we consider in our applicants. All four pillars of the National Honor Society are important.

Service Since we are a community-service organization, we are looking for applicants who have already done some type of community service.

- ✦ We want you to prove to us before you apply that you are a dedicated member of the community. We need to know that you are willing to give your time to help others.
- ✦ There are several ways you can fulfill this requirement. Look at the application on the N.H.S. website for additional guidelines regarding community service in addition to the guidelines outlined in this brochure.
- ✦ Your community service could be coaching a sports team, helping a teacher on a regular basis, volunteering at a hospital or a nursing home, etc.
- ✦ Anything that you do to help the community without receiving school credit, monetary compensation, or service credit for another project or club may be used as N.H.S. community service.
- ✦ We are telling you now so you have some time if you are a sophomore or junior, and a whole year if you are a freshman, to get out there and do some community service!
- ✦ We know that you are all very busy, but if you don't have time to complete community service now, you won't have time to do it after you get in the National Honor Society.
- ✦ Be sure to get the person in charge of your community service to sign the community service verification form.
- ✦ **Before applying, you must have 20 or more hours of community service completed.** If you have absolutely no community service project ideas, please e-mail either Mrs. Morse or one of the N.H.S. officers for some advice.
- ✦ We cannot place you in a community service activity, however, because you are not yet a member of the National Honor Society.

Character is another very important part of being in N.H.S. We are role models for the rest of the school and must behave accordingly. You must be polite and respectful to each other and the faculty. If you swear in the halls or are disrespectful to teachers and staff, you are probably not N.H.S. material. As part of the selection process, we ask faculty members to comment on what they know about your character, both the positive, and maybe not-so positive aspects. Following school rules and society's laws is a good start (i.e. not cheating on tests, copying homework, drinking, etc.). We are looking for applicants who will represent the N.H.S. in a positive manner.

Leadership is the fourth pillar of the National Honor Society. We are looking for leaders and go-getters. If you are given the opportunity to be in a leadership position, in or out of the classroom, take it!

Requirements once a member:

- ✦ To attend a meeting once a month (the second Wednesday of every month). The only legal absences are absences from school. Work is not a legal absence.
- ✦ Complete at least 6 short-term projects, 1 long-term project, and 1 summer project.
- ✦ Sell one box of candy each year to fund raise.
- ✦ Raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital (our charity of choice) once a year.

