

# 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, 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 2024. 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 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

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

- Maintain at least a 3.5 weighted grade point average
- Attend one meeting per month
- Pay \$15 dues per year (To provide funding for the chapter.)
- 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)

Some requirements previously waived for COVID are being brought back.

## **Application Information:**

**Between September 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup>:**

**1. Complete the online form found in your email.**

(Also accessible at [bit.ly/CSMBNHSForm](https://bit.ly/CSMBNHSForm))

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

“The 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 our CSMB NHS website.

**After September 19<sup>th</sup>:**

- 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 next week
- The induction ceremony will take place at Collegiate during first week of October, date TBD.

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

**By 3:17 P.M. Thursday, September 19th, 2024**

**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 or Mrs. Nickolai in person or via email ([william.gilbert@slps.org](mailto:william.gilbert@slps.org) or [monica.nickolai@slps.org](mailto:monica.nickolai@slps.org)) or on the SLPS website page for our NHS chapter (<https://www.slps.org/Page/68233>).