



Congratulations! Your attention to scholarship has earned you the privilege of beginning the selection process to be inducted into the Pike County High School chapter of the National Honor Society. NHS is a national student organization based on the four pillars of scholarship, service, character, and leadership. The National Honor Society is recognized across the country as being the premier scholastic organization for high school students.

It is a great honor to be an NHS member as the selection process is very competitive. There is no set number of applications granted and members selected; however, only the most highly qualified candidates are accepted for membership. Prospective members must demonstrate the four pillars of the NHS: scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Your grades have already shown that you have successfully demonstrated the pillar of scholarship. This candidate packet contains the instructions necessary for you to show your efforts in leadership, character, and service. A faculty committee will review all candidates to determine who is to be inducted into NHS; successful candidates must have an average of 8 points out of 12 points on the candidate rubric.

You need to provide evidence of your leadership, character, and service via discussion questions. This document must be precise, succinct, and must clearly address the above pillars. A faculty committee will assess your answers using the included scoring guide. Your essay must not contain your name or any other directly identifiable information. Staple the cover page, which has your name on it, to the copy of your answers; we will assign a tracking number and write it on your cover page and essays. This ensures that every essay receives a fair assessment that is free from any possible bias. Again, faculty members will not know whose essay they are assessing nor will it be disclosed to the applicants which faculty members assessed their essay. Your essay is limited to two typed pages that includes standard margins and fonts. Any untruths or exaggerations will eliminate your application for consideration.

To begin the process, you must complete the following directions and turn in all forms to Mrs. Brown by **September 11, 2019**. This date is non-negotiable. Late forms will not be considered for NHS.

**Step 1:** Fill out the cover page. Be sure to include your signature and a parent's signature.

**Step 2:** Answer the discussion questions completely. Answers should be typed in Times New Roman, 12 pt font. Answers should show evidence. Keep your answers to under 250 words. **Do not place your name on this paper.** Your paper will be numbered and given to the faculty council to help eliminate bias.

**Step 3:** Staple all papers and turn in to **Mrs. Brown by 3:45 p.m. on September 11, 2019.**

After all applications are received, teachers at PCHS will be asked to evaluate candidates using a scoring guide as to their leadership and character within the classroom setting.

A faculty council will convene and assess all applications. Applicants will be notified by **September 13, 2019** as to their acceptance.

Again, congratulations on your scholarship! We hope that you will complete this candidate package for membership in Pike County High School's chapter of the National Honor Society. Questions regarding the candidate process, essay requirements, or teacher recommendations can be answered by Mrs. Brown. **Remember that no essays will be accepted after 3:45 PM on September 11, 2019.**

**Expectations of NHS:**

- Maintain a 3.6 GPA or 90 cumulative average
- Maintain high standards of character
- Continue to grow in leadership
- Attend 70% of meetings each semester
- Participate in at least 1 NHS project each semester

\* Being dual enrolled does not absolve you from the expectations of attendance and participation.

**Discussion Questions:** You must answer all discussion questions. Your answers should be typed in 12 pt, Times New Roman.

1. What do you most admire about your own character and what attribute about your character do you least admire?
2. Describe an activity in which your participation made a difference.
3. What has been the most significant service activity in which you have participated? Describe what you did to make the activity successful and what you gained, personally, from this experience. Explain why you choose to serve this activity and how did this benefit those you served?
4. What do you hope to gain from being a member of NHS and what do you have to offer as a member of NHS?

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