

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



TROY HIGH SCHOOL  
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Dear Parents,

Your child has been invited to apply for admission into the Troy High School National Honor Society. Acceptance depends on a combination of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. The attached application packet is only the first step in a process of evaluation. This evaluation involves teachers, coaches, club sponsors, community members, and a selected team of staff members comprising the Troy High School National Honor Society Faculty Council.

National Honor Society is an organization focused on service to the Troy High Community. If inducted, junior members are required to complete 30 hours of service by May of their senior year; senior members are required to complete 10 hours. If inducted, your student must fulfill the requirements in order to be in good standing and receive the NHS cowl at graduation.

As the advisers, we do not have any input into this evaluation process. We merely facilitate the process and notify the students who qualify according to the National Honor Society's standards and the decision of the Troy High Faculty Council.

You must be very proud of your child. Maintaining a grade point average of 3.50 or above is an achievement in itself. We hope you use this opportunity to help your student grow in responsibility and maturity in accepting the final decision.

It is a pleasure to work with the fine young adults in the National Honor Society, and we look forward to receiving your child's application.

Pages 3-6 should be completed and turned in. Please sign the cover page (page 3) of the application affirming that all information is correct.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tim Marley and Mr. Taylor Richey  
NHS Advisers

To be admitted into the Troy High School chapter of the National Honor Society, students must meet the requirements for all of the four pillars of the National Honor Society (scholarship, service, character, and leadership).

- **Scholarship** – Students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5. By receiving this application, you have satisfied this requirement.
- **Service** – Students must have completed at least 20 verified community service hours (additional information is below) during high school *and* must have been involved with two official school related activities during previous school years.
- **Character** – Teachers and staff will answer the question, “*Would you recommend this applicant for admission into NHS on the basis of character?*” If 2 or more teachers answer “NO” to this question, the candidate does NOT meet the requirements of character. If a teacher answers “NO” to this question, they will indicate if the reason is for academic dishonesty, negative attitude, unethical behavior, or a code of conduct violation.
- **Leadership** – Teachers and staff will answer the question, “*Would you recommend this applicant for admission into NHS on the basis of leadership?*” If 2 or more teachers answer “NO” to this question, the candidate does NOT meet the requirements of leadership. If a teacher answers “NO” to this question, they will indicate if the reason is for misuse of power, or not fulfilling the requirements of a leadership position either in another organization or within the classroom setting.

## Service

In order to complete the service requirement, students must have completed at least 20 verified volunteer community service hours during their high school career *and* must have been involved with two school related activities during previous school years.

### At least 20 verified volunteer hours

Fill out the top portion of page 4 for verification of the volunteer community service hours. You may photocopy the form if you completed more than one activity. The bottom portion of the form must be filled out by an adult who was in charge of the event (or you can attach a certificate or letter with a signature if the adult cannot be reached). The volunteer hours must have been completed through an organization that is associated with community service (usually a nonprofit organization). You must include contact information.

If you already have a signed letter or certificate that can be used to verify your participation, simply attach that letter or certificate to your application and fill out the top portion of page 4. You do NOT have to get page 4 signed a second time if the certificate or letter already has a signature.

### Volunteer hours that do count towards NHS

- Volunteering at soup kitchens, animal shelters, churches, senior citizen homes, blood drives, hospitals, etc. (most likely a non-profit organization)
- Volunteer hours through Project Lead, buildON, or other community service clubs
- Non-paid babysitting organized through a community service organization
- Non-paid tutoring through a school or community service organization

### Things that do NOT count towards NHS

- Any event where the student earned money
- Attendance at meetings where no service was performed (e.g. youth group meetings or Project Lead meetings)
- Playing sports, music lessons, music performances, attending religious services, etc.
- Employment
- Internships, research, or job experience with a for-profit company
- An activity in which the student earned school credit
- Activities that cannot be verified by an adult
- Any job, chore, tutoring, or babysitting for a relative or family friend
- Service that was completed before the student was in high school

**ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE BOX IN THE  
MAIN OFFICE BY 2:30 PM ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2019! NO LATE  
APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

## **TROY HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY APPLICATION**



**Please neatly print the following:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Circle grade: 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>

I have read through the application materials and I understand the requirements for induction into the National Honor Society. I also accept responsibility for the requirements once inducted. I understand that the information I provide for the selection committee must be accurate, and that it may be verified. I also understand that if it is not accurate, I will be disqualified from further consideration for membership.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Dear Sponsor/Adviser/Contact Person:

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying for membership into the Troy High School chapter of the National Honor Society. Participation in school and community activities is a service requirement for the National Honor Society.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tim Marley and Mr. Taylor Richey  
NHS Advisers

ACTIVITY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL HOURS OF PARTICIPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES/INVOLVEMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Does this qualify as volunteer service? **(circle one)**: YES or NO

Was the student compensated for this work? **(circle one)**: YES or NO

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. A member of two Troy High School activities during the past school years

Being a member of a Troy High School sports team or an official club/group will count as a school-related activity. You must have been a member in good standing of two activities during the previous school years. Involvement in the same activity during your freshman and sophomore years counts as two activities.

**Directions:** Please check off the school year(s) of which you were a member (in good standing) of the organization and have the supervisor sign this page. You should have two check marks in total. *Note: if you have a certificate that shows you were a member in good standing, you may attach a photocopy instead of getting the supervisor signature.*

*Supervisors – only sign this form if the student was a member in good standing in your organization.*

Activity	Check off if a member during 2016 – 2017 School Year	Check off if a member during 2017 – 2018 School Year	Check off if a member during 2018 – 2019 School Year	Supervisor Signature (if a member in good standing)
A Capella Choir				
Band				
Baseball				
Basketball				
Biology Competitions Club				
Bowling				
buildON				
Cheer				
Chess Club				
Chinese Club				
Club Med				
Computer Club				
Cross Country				
Dance (Varsity)				
Debate				
DECA				
Eco-Car				
Economics Club				
Environmental Activists				
Football				
Forensics Club				
French Club				
Future Problem Solvers				
German Club				
Golf				
Gymnastics				
HOSA				
Ice Hockey				
Japanese Club				

Activity	Check off if a member during 2016 – 2017 School Year	Check off if a member during 2017 – 2018 School Year	Check off if a member during 2018 – 2019 School Year	Supervisor Signature (if a member in good standing)
Lacrosse				
LINKS				
Math Club				
Model United Nations				
National Art Honor Society				
Newspaper				
Orchestra				
Peer Mediation				
Physics Club				
Project LEAD				
Quiz Bowl				
Robotics Club				
SADD				
Science Olympiad				
Ski Club				
Soccer				
Softball				
Spanish Club				
Spirit Club				
Student Government				
Student-to-Student				
Swimming				
Synchronized Swimming				
Tennis				
Track and Field				
Troy Entrepreneurship Club				
Troy Social Justice Project				
Troy Theatre Ensemble				
Video Club				
Volleyball				
Water Polo				
Wrestling				
Yearbook				
<b>Other:</b>				

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. When will the selection process be completed? When is induction?

You will be notified whether or not you are accepted once the selection process is complete. We will try to notify all students by the end of November. The letters will come by mail. The date for the induction ceremony is to be determined. If accepted into NHS, you will be notified of the date of the ceremony in the acceptance letter that will be mailed to your home.

### 2. What if I realize I did not include some activities/information?

If it is before the deadline, you may turn in any additions to the same box in the main office.

### 3. What if I cannot get a signature to verify an activity or community service?

Remember that you may attach a photocopy of a certificate in lieu of a signature for a sport or club. You may also contact the Assistant Principal for athletics or activities if the person who was in charge of the activity is unavailable.

Photocopies of certificates or emails can also take the place of the signature for verification of service. Make sure that all contact info is still included.

### 4. Do I need to contact my past/present teachers about rating me for character and leadership?

No. After all packets are turned in, a list of all applicants will be given to all faculty members. Each faculty member can rate any student he/she has had contact with (either in the classroom or within clubs/activities/sports).

### 5. What is the basis for rating character? Leadership?

This is outlined on page 2.

### 6. What do I turn in?

Turn in only the application (pages marked 3 through 6 at the bottom) and any photocopies of certificates or page 4 if needed. Make sure you have completely (and neatly) filled out the cover sheet. Both you and your parent/guardian must sign the cover sheet. Don't forget it is due by 2:30 pm on September 27, 2019 to the main office.

### 7. I am waiting for a verification letter and the deadline for the application is coming soon. What should I do?

If you are waiting for a verification letter and the rest of your application has been completed, you can turn it in and then talk to Mr. Marley or Mr. Richey (before the deadline) about this circumstance. If this is the case, the Faculty Council can still look at what has been completed and then take into account the additional information once it has been received, provided it is a reasonable amount of time.

Keep the lines of communication open with Mr. Marley or Mr. Richey if you foresee some circumstance affecting your ability to turn in this application by the deadline.

### 8. For community service I did \_\_\_\_\_. Does that count?

There is a committee of teachers (the Faculty Council) who will look at each application and decide if the service satisfies the requirements on page 3 of the application. If you are unsure if something will count, put it on the application anyways and the faculty council will make the final judgment. The advisers will not have a definitive yes or no answer that he can give you since he is not on the faculty council making the decisions.

**9. I have not completed 20 hours of community service yet. Can I finish it up after my application has been turned in?**

The 20 hours of community service must be completed before your application has been turned in. One of the four pillars of NHS membership is service, so candidates should have this proven track record of service before they apply.

**10. DO NOT INCLUDE:**

- Personal letters of recommendation (from family, friends, neighbors). Only include letters (page 4) that specify your community service/volunteering.
- Certificates/articles of personal achievement(s) – this would include music awards, GPA certificates, MVP or outstanding sports letters, membership certificates (unless you cannot get a signature), or newspaper articles about yourself.

**11. What is my responsibility to the NHS once I am inducted?**

In order to be recognized as a member in good standing at graduation (i.e. wear the cowl), you must complete each of the following requirements.

- 30 Hours of Service (10 if you are a newly inducted senior) that are completed through NHS and Schoology opportunities
- Maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA (if you fall below you will be given one semester to bring up your GPA)
- Abide by the NHS pledge which states that students must refrain from the use of alcohol/drugs and refuse to be a party to theft or scholarship cheating. Students who have Code of Conduct violations may be subject to probation or dismissal.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** These are points that are earned through service that is made available to you through the NHS. Typically, inside points consist of Academic Support Tutoring, One-on-One Tutoring (arranged through our tutoring chairperson), Elementary and Middle School Tutoring Programs, Elementary School Fairs, Book Sales, etc., Troy School District Concerts and Plays, Booster Concessions, Troy High Events (Conferences, Open House, Senior Parent Night, Honors Convocation, Graduation, All Night Party), Troy High Office Help, Sunrise Nursing Home Activities, and attending general membership meetings.