

National Honor Society

Applicants will need to complete the following application **requirements**:

_____ **I. Write a short essay** (300-500 words) on “Why I want to be in NHS and what qualities will I bring to the chapter.”

_____ **II. Write a resume** which includes the following:

- a. School activities (clubs, organizations, sports, etc.).
- b. Community organizations you belong to (4-H, Scouts, etc.).
- c. Work experience.
- d. Honors and awards.

You must have a **minimum** of 15 points from the following categories in order to be considered for selection **and** you must have at least one point in each category.

_____ **III. Scholarship** (5 points)

- a. Complete the Certified Scholarship Declaration (grade point) page.
- b. Students must have a minimum grade point average of **3.50** to apply.

_____ **IV. Community Service** (5 points)

- a. Complete the Community Service Declaration page.
- b. Volunteerism (help at Dawson Place, Recycle Center, etc.).
- c. Club activities that better the community (highway clean-up, etc.)

You will receive 1 point for each 15 hours of service. The hours must be verified by the adult sponsor. (If the sponsor is your parent you will need to see Mrs. Hanna to determine how to verify the hours.)

The hours used for community service begin with the start of classes your freshman year.

Volunteerism may not be counted if it is for a relative. We do believe that helping your grandparents or siblings is a very good idea, but we feel you should be doing that anyway.

Club activities must be OUTSIDE of school time in order to be counted. Example: Working at the Recycling Center after school will count, but helping with the blood drive during school will not.

Church activities must be outside of church time in order to be counted. Example: Helping with bible school will count; reading during a church service will not count.

Group activities which result in a reward for you or your group (points toward communion, fund raising for a group or an individual trip, etc.) do not count.

____ **V. Leadership (5 points)**

- a. Complete the Leadership Profile page. Major offices will count as one (1) point and minor offices will count as one half (1/2) point.
- b. Complete the faculty leadership profile page Vb. You may receive leadership points based on faculty/sponsor recommendations. You will need to have each teacher or sponsor fill out a Teacher/Sponsor LEADERSHIP recommendation form for each leadership point.

Leadership is shown by doing the expected work for a major or minor office. Major offices include: PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, or STUDENT COUNCIL. All other offices are considered Minor offices. Only offices held during your high school years are to be counted.

____ **VI. Character/Citizenship (5 points)**

- a. **ONE** letter of recommendation from a Community Leader. (1 point).
A form is included in this application. *See note below.
- b. Teacher/Sponsor Character Recommendation. (2 points). Students need 90% of the Character Recommendations to get 2 points. Mrs. Hanna provides teachers this form.
You do not need to get any recommendations from teachers.
- c. Selection committee observations. (2 point) - Committee meets and awards these points based on observations by them and the faculty.
- d. You must be/have been in good standing at school and in the community for the past year (not on probation, suspended, etc.)

***The recommendation form (1) should be given to the Community Leader (not a teacher) you select with a stamped envelope addressed to the Honor Society sponsor and include the applicants name. Sample address:**

Mrs. Hanna, NHS sponsor
Hill City High School
#1 Ringneck Drive
P.O. Box 160
Hill City, KS 67642

Recommendation: Applicant Name

Requirement II: Resume

Applicant's Name _____

School Activities:

Example: Football – 2 years, School Play – 1 year, Eco-meet – 3 years, etc.

Community Organizations:

Work Experience:

Honors and awards:

Requirement III: Scholarship Declaration

Applicant's Name: _____

Standards:	Minimum grade point of 3.50
	3.50-3.59 = 1 point
	3.60-3.69 = 2 points
	3.70-3.79 = 3 points
	3.80-3.89 = 4 points
	3.90-4.00 = 5 points

I certify that the above named applicant has achieved the following grade point average after completing (four/six) semesters of high school.

_____ GPA which equals _____ scholarship points.

Certified by: _____

Title: _____

IV: Community Service

Volunteerism: Must be outside of the school day. Have the sponsor sign.

Example: Filled Easter eggs with KAYS 2 hours Mr. Pfeifer
 Worked at the theater 3 hours Mrs. Keith

Activity	Hours	Sponsor Signature
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Club Activity		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

For selection committee use:
Total hours: _____ Points: _____

Requirement V: Leadership Profile

Applicant's Name: _____

Major offices: PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, or STUDENT COUNCIL.

Minor offices: All other offices.

Your **sponsor has to initial this application, indicating that you fulfilled the duties of your office.** Treasurers must have the school secretary initial their application.

Major offices will count as one (1) point and minor offices will count as one half (1/2) point. Applicants who have fewer than 5 leadership points may gain up to 2 points by having four teachers/sponsors fill out leadership recommendation forms. You will need to pick the forms up from the NHS sponsor. These forms are for a class/organization where the applicant did not hold an office, but they demonstrated their leadership abilities in other way. These recommendations may count up to ½ point each and must be for different classes or organizations.

Office	Year	Sponsor Initials	Points
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL Leadership points			_____

Vb: Teacher/Sponsor Leadership Recommendation

Students who do not hold offices can use recommendations from teachers or sponsors for outstanding work they contribute in the classroom or the organization. Please indicate the students' contribution in the classroom or to the organization and if you believe they would be deserving of a leadership point.

Requirement VI: Community Character/Citizenship recommendation

Give this to a COMMUNITY LEADER to submit for you. (1 required)

Please address why this student would be a good candidate for National Honor Society. Include references to the student's citizenship and/or character, integrity, ethics, responsibility, concern for others, etc. Please return your response in the envelope provided by the applicant.