The National Honor Society

Do I have to apply to the NHS if I am invited to do so?

No, you are not required to apply. The NHS is a serious commitment to consider. We encourage students to apply, but we understand that many of the eligible students have a lot of activities and may not be able to make time for NHS.

Should I ask for a transcript or teacher letters of recommendation for my application?

No. We do NOT need a copy of your transcript. The teachers will rate you on service, character and leadership based on what they have personally seen. They will do this using the form provided to them by the faculty council. Letters of recommendation are not necessary.

Do my service hours have to be logged with Mrs. DeWaal in order for me to put them on my application?

We encourage you to submit proof of your hours to Mrs. DeWaal so that they are recorded in your school records; however, it is not required that they are recorded in order for you to put them on your application.

Do I have to answer both essays in the application?

Yes. Please give time and thought to both of your answers. Be sure you completely answer the question and be clear, concise and detailed.

If accepted, what is the service hour requirement?

Last year, NHS members were required to complete 10 hours of service. We anticipate the requirement will stay the same.

I am having trouble deciding if some of my activities are actually community service. How do I know what will count and what will not count?

Community service is service completed to benefit a larger group or community. It is without monetary compensation. It should not be required as part of an organization to benefit that organization. Giving blood, shoveling snow for a neighbor, working the concession stand as required as a member of a group (while all nice things to do) would all NOT be characterized as community service. Volunteering time for a soccer camp, working in the soup kitchen, organizing a canned food drive for the local food bank, volunteering at the hospital, animal shelter, library, etc., working with your church or youth group on a service project and MANY other activities could all be included as service on your application. Please see Ms. Rowe with any specific question.

I plan on completing some service this year and plan to join a sport later in the year. Should I put these on my application as “future” activities?

The Faculty Council will determine admission based on the service and activities you have already started and/or completed. Things you plan to do will not be considered.