

UNION HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER OF NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Application Information

- All juniors and seniors who have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.50 or above may apply for admission to the **UNION HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**.
- Notice of eligibility will be given to those who meet the GPA requirement.
- Application forms can be downloaded from the school website for those students who meet the GPA requirement and have received a letter of eligibility.
- **Admission is not automatic.** In addition to having the required GPA, applicants must demonstrate significant accomplishment and/or participation in the all areas indicated on the activity form. It is necessary to have some accomplishments in each area.
- All activities, accomplishments, etc. included in the application must have taken place during high school. **Do not** include anything that occurred before you were in high school. Doing so could jeopardize your chances for admission.
- Make sure your application is typed and complete.
- Two letters of recommendation must be included. One must be from a teacher or activity advisor and one from a community member/employer.
- Alcohol violations are in breach of National Bylaws, **DO NOT APPLY** if you have had any alcohol or drug violations.
- Your application must be turned into the NHS advisor (Ms. Whitley or Ms. Schulman) by _____.

PLEASE NOTE: Honor Society is a service organization. Membership is a highly sought after honor, but it requires commitment to the ideals of the organization. **Your acceptance of membership will indicate your willingness to participate in National Honor Society sponsored activities, service projects and meetings.** To maintain membership in NHS, you must maintain your GPA, fulfill your service hour requirements, be a good leader, show good character and abide by the National Honor Society bylaws. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in dismissal from the National Honor Society. If your behavior in school requires disciplinary action, your membership may be revoked.

ALL APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED & RETURNED TO THE ADVISOR

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LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

NHS INDUCTION CEREMONY WILL BE

Your application will be based on the following criteria. Please make sure you include all the information listed on the application. Failure to do so, will automatically disqualify you for acceptance into NHS.

Scholarship:

Students will need to have a minimum GPA of 3.50 to be eligible to apply for NHS membership. You must maintain a 3.50 GPA or you will lose your membership status.

Service:

You will be required to have total of **20 Service Hours** each calendar year which must be a combination of School and Community Service.

Examples of **school service activities**: helping with tournaments that raise money for your school sponsored activity, helping with a community project/benefit representing a school sponsored group (example: Peer Ambassadors helping with freshman orientation, working the concession stand for basketball, football, marching band activities organized by a school advisor, etc.)

You must have a minimum of **10 hours of school service** hours.

Examples of **community service projects**: helping with benefits, blood drives, food drive, organizing the food pantry, helping with church activities, student initiated cleaning of the park, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts projects, student lead and organized projects not planned by teacher/advisor

You must have a minimum of **10 hours of community service** hours.

Character:

Character is not based solely on personality nor upon minor incidents unless they are repeated so as to indicate specific pattern of behavior.

- Promptly meets individual pledges and responsibilities.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty, reliability, fairness and civility.
- Adheres to school rules and regulations (i.e., attendance, tardiness, truancy, academic honesty, conduct, etc.)

Leadership:

Successfully assumes responsibility and demonstrates constructive initiative in the classroom, at work, and in school or community activities. You must have been or currently are an officer for at least one year of an organization such as:

Class Officer, Key Club, Marching Band, Student Council Rep, Boy Scouts, Church Youth Group, etc.

UNION HIGH SCHOOL NHS APPLICATION

Please complete all sections. Do not be modest. Every bit of information can be used to assist with the selection process. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection.

I. General Information (Please type):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Year in School (circle one): JR SR

Cumulative High School GPA : _____

Leadership Position: _____

You must have been or currently are an officer for at least one year of an organization such as: Class Officer, Key Club, Student Council Rep, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church Youth Group, UHSPAC, etc.

Have you ever been disciplined by an Administrator? _____ If yes, please explain.

Have you ever had a high school detention? _____ If yes, how many? ____ Please explain.



I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I AM ACCEPTED INTO THE UNION HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER OF HONOR SOCIETY I WILL BE EXPECTED TO PAY MY DUES, ATTEND GROUP MEETINGS, MAINTAIN MY GPA AND PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY GROUP SERVICE PROJECTS.

Student Signature

PARENT REVIEW AND CONSENT: I have reviewed my son/daughter's application and affirm that it is correct. I give my consent for my son/daughter to apply for membership in the UNION HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY.

Parent Signature

II. Cocurricular Activities:

List all activities in which you have participated during high school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, theater, student council, etc. and major accomplishments in each.

List any leadership positions you have held relative to that activity or awards you have received.

Examples: Captain of a **varsity** team, superior rating on vocal or band selections, individual placing at regional or state events, District or State Key Club Officer, etc.

You must have at least two activities for each year.

Sponsor's Signature: Please sign only if this individual is an **active** member with **active** participation

ACTIVITY	9	10	11	12	ACCOMPLISHMENTS/LEADERSHIP SIGNATURE OF ADULT SPONSOR
Example: Marching Band	X	X	X	X	Section Leader – 11; Drum Major - 12 Soloist - 12

III. School Service 10 or more hours

These activities are organized by an advisor of a school affiliated organization.

For example: helping with projects that raise money for your school sponsored activity, helping with a community project representing a school sponsored group (example:), working the concession stand for basketball, football, etc.

Sponsor's Signature: Please sign only if this individual is an **active** member with **active** participation

SCHOOL SERVICE ACTIVITY	9	10	11	12	NUMBER OF HOURS	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD/MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS	SIGNATURE OF ADULT ADVISOR
Example: Mentoring middle school students for character education group	X	X	X		2hrs/month Total: 10/yr		

PLEASE NOTE: YOU WILL NEED A MINIMUM OF 10 HOURS IN THIS AREA

IV. Community Service/Volunteerism/Unpaid Work Experience 10 or more hours

List community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment or leadership positions held in each. These must be activities outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community, not for compensation.

They **are not** activities that are organized by a school staff member.

Examples: helping with bible school, Boy or Girl Scouts, community activities, getting a group of friends together to clean the playground, identifying and doing a community need that you are not asked to do.

Examples of a major accomplishment would be the attainment of Eagle Scout within the scouting organization

Examples of leadership: team leader, officer of organization or other leadership roles such as Sunday School Teacher.

Sponsor's Signature: Please sign only if this individual is an **active** member with **active** participation

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY	9	10	11	12	NUMBER OF HOURS	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD OR MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS	SIGNATURE OF ADULT SPONSOR PHONE # OR EMAIL
Example: Sunday School			X		1hr/wk Total 50 hours/yr	First grade teacher Organized holiday food drive	

* Please include complete contact information so that we can verify your participation in the above activities if necessary. Without this information, the activity listed will not be considered. **PLEASE NOTE: YOU WILL NEED A MINIMUM OF 10 HOURS IN THIS AREA**

IV. Personal Statement: (10 pts.)

Perhaps the most difficult area to evaluate for selection of members is that of character. The last section of your application is a personal statement which should contain no more than **500 words**. Use your personal statement as an opportunity to express your core values and beliefs describing how you display character. Explain how those values support your academic success and service to others. Spelling, grammar and neatness along with quality of response will be part of the evaluation process. **This must be original work.**