

Requirements for Admission National Honor Society Coronado High School Chapter

If you are a member of the class of 2018 or 2019, have attended CHS for at least one full semester, and feel that you possess the traits of Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service described within the eligibility requirements listed below, we invite you to complete this application and join us in the coming school year.

1. **Scholarship** – Hold a minimum weighted cumulative GPA of 3.50
2. **Leadership** – Active involvement in a school club, civic or religious group, served as youth coach, be employed, or participated on team for at least one school year. In the case of a team sport or activity that may not be active for the entire school year, the candidate must have completed one season in good standing. Additionally, candidate members must submit one leadership recommendation letter from a teacher, coach or employer affirming their leadership potential is consistent with NHS leadership guidelines.
3. **Service** – Submit documentation of a minimum of 10 community service hours completed within the previous twelve months. It is acceptable to complete this community service in the time between notification of open applications and the due date of the application.
4. **Character** – Submit a character recommendation letter from a present or former teacher or an adult (coach, employer, counselor, administrator, etc.) to whom you have demonstrated personal qualities consistent with NHS guidelines. **Character and leadership references cannot come from the same person.**

Due to Ms. Johnston in the Counseling Office no later than 2:45pm on Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

Incomplete/partial/late applications will not be considered, so make sure you have all the following items:

1. NHS Application Form pages 1-2
 - a. Must detail a minimum of 10 hours of community service within the last 12 months
 - b. Does NOT need to have every blank filled in with something, but must be complete
2. Signed Ethical Code of Conduct
3. Copy of **cumulative** transcript showing GPA of 3.5 or better
 - a. Obtain an unofficial copy from the registrar, Mrs. Redding in the office
4. Leadership Recommendation Form (in a signed/sealed envelope returned to you)*
5. Character Recommendation Form (in a signed/sealed envelope returned to you)*
Note: Please be considerate of the teacher/coach/etc you are asking to fill out a recommendation. Give this person adequate time to complete it **and return it to you in an envelope you provide.*

Notification of whether you were accepted or not will be made no later than the first week of April. A mandatory formal induction ceremony for new members will occur May 15, 2017. If you have any questions about the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the NHS advisors.

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NHS Application

Directions: Please complete all sections. Type or print all information and submit it by the published deadline. **Do not be modest.** All information will be used by the faculty council to assist with the fair consideration of your candidacy during the selection process. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection.

I. Student Information

Name _____ Student ID _____

Grade level _____ Student Email _____

II. Extracurricular Activities

List all the activities in which you have participated during your years in high school. These could be clubs, teams, musical groups, church groups, Boy or Girl Scouts, etc.

Activity	Years (ex: 2011-2013) or # months (ex: 3 months)	Major Accomplishments (awards, involvement in plays, tournaments, etc)

III. Leadership Positions

List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community, or work activities during your years in high school. Examples of leadership: elected class or club officer; committee chairperson; team captain; newspaper editor; work manager; community leader; etc.

Position	Years (ex: 2011-2013) or # months (ex: 3 months)	Duties (emphasis on any that show leadership)

IV. Service Activities

List service activities in which you have participated **in the last year** done with a group in or out of school or done as individual service projects. The service must have been done for or on behalf of others (not including family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given. Please list the name of the non-related adult supervisor and email address or phone # who can verify your participation.

Type of Service (ex: beach cleanup, serving soup to the homeless, etc)	Total # of Hours Spent	Contact Person, email, affiliation (ex: Bob Smith, bsmith@gmail.com , soup kitchen director)

Total Hours (10 hrs minimum): _____

V. Other Activities

List all other activities (*not* noted above) in which you have participated. These activities should demonstrate your abilities in scholarship, leadership, service, or character. Do not repeat participation already listed above.

VI. Confirmation of material within the application. All portions must be initialed and both the student and parent must sign/date the form.

____ *Student Initial Here* I affirm that the information presented herein is accurate.

____ *Student Initial Here* I allow Ms. Johnston and Ms. Goldman access to my high school discipline records. This information will remain anonymous when discussed with a Faculty Council. If deemed necessary, I understand that I may be asked to appear in front of the Faculty Council to discuss the issue. Only if I choose to move forward with this will my identity be revealed to the Faculty Council.

____ *Student Initial Here* **I understand that completing this form does not guarantee my selection to NHS.** This application as well as my discipline/attendance records will be reviewed by a Faculty Council of five teachers/staff members.

____ *Student Initial Here* I will uphold the expectations of academic integrity of the school and I understand that *any* infraction for academic dishonest or behavioral problems of any kind can lead to dismissal from the club.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

I have read the information provided by my son/daughter on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete in its presentation.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return completed form to Ms. Kristine Johnston, school counselor.

National Honor Society Expectations of Membership

Membership in the National Honor Society (NHS) is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. Our chapter has worked hard to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and the community. Membership in the NHS is a privilege, not a right, and inducted members are required to do the following to maintain their membership status:

- I. Embody the pillars of character, leadership, service, and scholarship
 - a. Character: students will display an untarnished character with regards to all school rules and expectations of conduct
 - b. Leadership: students will be positive role models in the school environment and strive to be a good influence on their peers
 - c. Service: students will complete no less than 10 hours of community service per school semester
 - d. Scholarship: students will maintain a cumulative GPA of no less than 3.5 (weighted)

- II. Actively participate in meetings, votes, service projects, and other “all club” activities
 - a. Students must attend 75% of scheduled meetings. Missed meetings will result in increased community service requirements
 - b. A minimum of 5 of the required 10 service hours per semester must be through an approved all-club service project
 - c. Students must participate in 75% of all votes, surveys, or other participatory practices of the club, whether they take place at meetings or online

- III. Maintain all paperwork documenting student participations
 - a. Students will submit a record of their service hours (including club related events) to the appropriate officer twice a school year. The due dates for these records will be announced each year at the first club meeting
 - b. Students will be responsible for monitoring their participation/attendance records and ensuring that all records published online are correct and up to date

Discipline and Dismissal

If NHS students fall below the club standards stated above, they will be notified of their violation in writing. For first time offences, students will be informed of the nature of the violation and given a specific period for improvement to be documented on these areas. More serious first time offences, including academic dishonesty or other school conduct violations, can be grounds for dismissal from NHS. Any offences that warrant the dismissal of a member will have the consequences decided upon by the Faculty Council.

National Honor Society Pledge and Ethical Code of Conduct

I, _____, have read the "Expectations of Membership" sheet.

I pledge to maintain my high scholastic standing, to hold, as fundamental and worth, an untarnished character, to endeavor, intelligently and courageously, to be a leader, and to give of myself freely in service to others. In so doing, I shall prove myself worth of a place in the National Honor Society.
(the above pledge is given by all members of NHS throughout the country)

In making this pledge, I understand that I am promising to hold myself to an extremely high standard of conduct. I will not only refuse to participate in any conduct that violates moral codes inducing, but not limited to, academic dishonesty, stealing, lying, or any other practice that erodes my character, but I also promise that I consider such practices to be a reflection of poor ethical conduct.

I recognize that to be in the National Honor Society, I am choosing to be a leader in my school and to be held to such a standard that means that I should be above even the suspicion of wrongdoing. It is therefore my responsibility to avoid any activity that even suggests any violation of ethical conduct.

Finally, I understand that if I do fall short in my moral responsibilities, I shall hold myself responsible for notifying the club advisor and possibly stepping down as a member of the National Honor Society. To not do so would be to purposefully deceive an organization that assumes I will be accountable for my actions.

I honestly swear that I have read and agree with the above statements.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

I, the parent/guardian of the above, have read and discussed the above agreement with the young adult who brought it my attention.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Character Recommendation Form



This endorsement of leadership qualities is for _____ to include in his/her application for membership in the Coronado High School Chapter of the NHS. NHS is looking for students who exhibit the “six pillars of character” in their school, their community, or their jobs. These pillars are: **respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring and citizenship.** Please check all the boxes that apply to this student most of the time, not just for isolated incidents.

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior such as cheerfulness, friendliness, poise and stability
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, and office
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- Regularly shows courtesy, concern and respect for others
- Observes instructions and rules, is punctual, and faithful both inside and outside the classroom
- Exhibits powers of concentration, self-discipline, and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoids cheating in all school work, and shows unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others
- Actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment

A student that possesses most of the qualities above and someone whom I would trust to make strong character decisions even in the face of adversity, I confidently validate this student’s character qualities.

Signature

Print Name

Phone number: _____

Additional comments, specific examples of behavior, notable moments (can continue on the back):

Leadership Recommendation Form



Recommenders: If you have not observed any leadership qualities for the student requesting this letter, you may want to suggest going to a different adult.

Students: If you don't have good leadership examples presently, perhaps approach an adult NOW and see how you can be a better leader in your classroom/on your team, etc so they can discuss this.

This endorsement of leadership qualities is for _____ to include in his/her application for membership in the Coronado High School Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS). NHS is looking for students who exhibit leadership potential in their school, their community, or their jobs. Please check all the boxes that apply to this student most of the time – not just for isolated incidents.

- Shows thorough reliability and dependability in any task they accept
- Demonstrates initiative in school and/or work activities
- Is a “self-starter” on tasks that are expected of them
- Does what needs to be done for a job or task that is not expected of them or specifically asked
- Exemplifies a positive attitude
- Acts as a positive influence on peers by upholding school ideals and high moral values
- Actively inspires/calls for positive behavior in others
- Contributes ideas and suggestions that improved the school, workplace, etc
- Demonstrates academic initiative by helping others
- Delegates responsibilities fairly
- Acts as a leader in the classroom, at work, at school, or community activities. **If chosen, please elaborate below
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility that I observe. **If chosen, please elaborate below
- Conducts leadership business effectively and efficiently. ** If chosen, please elaborate below

A student that possesses most of the qualities above and someone whom I would trust to lead school, team, or work activities, I confidently validate this student's leadership qualities.

Signature

Print Name

Phone number: _____

Additional comments, specific examples of behavior, notable moments (can continue on the back):
