



Clark NHS

Selection Procedure Description

The National Honor Society chapter of Clark High School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each May.

Students in grades 11-12 are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or better on a 4.0 scale. Each spring those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service.

Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students that meet the scholar criteria can begin applying at the end of their sophomore year. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or better on a 4.0 scale. Each spring those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. ***The candidate form requires 2 letters of recommendation, one from a teacher and one from a community member.***
- b. ***Each candidate must be in at least 1 student activity organizations each year.*** They should also have 10 hours of documented community service by the time they are applying.
- c. To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership. This is done by using the national form created by National NHS.
- d. Any solicited faculty input and all Candidate Forms are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection according to a predetermined schedule.



Each member of the Clark National Honor Society will be expected to complete 25 hours of community service during each school year that they are a member. They will be required to complete the Service Form documenting their hours. If they fail to complete 1/2 of the 25 hours by the end of the first semester they shall be placed on probation and shall be given the opportunity to complete their Community Service hours. If they fail to complete all 25 hours by May 1st of the school year they will then be removed from the organization which will result in no recognition at graduation.

***Only 5 of the 25 hours can come from helping with a sporting event, such as refereeing, line judging, coaching younger children, etc. The 5 hours must be non-paid hours. Also hours cannot come from class projects.*

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Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all four criteria that led to their selection.