HURRICANE HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER OF NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Points of Clarity for the Information Packet for Selection

- The selection process has moved from the Spring Semester to the Fall Semester. Letters of eligibility will now be mailed at the beginning of the school year at the beginning of September, and the students will have until the beginning of October to complete their information packet and turn it in for consideration.

- **All Juniors and Seniors who have a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.75 or higher are eligible to apply for admisstion. By receiving this letter, you are eligible to apply. Notification of letters being mailed will be on the school website, Schoology and the school Facebook page.**

- Information packets can be picked up from the National Honor Society Advisor, Mrs. Fife, after an informational meeting occurring approximately one week after eligibity letters have been mailed. Student can also pick up packets in Room 224 after you receive this notice of academic eligibligy in the mail or may print it off using the link on Schoology.

- **Admission is not automatic.** In addition to having the required GPA, applicants must demonstrate significant accomplishment and/or participation in the four pillars of NHS: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, & Character. These criteria are outlined on the next page.

- All activities, accomplishments, etc. included on the application must have taken place during high school. **Do not** include anything that occurred before you were in high school.

- Make sure your application is neat and legible and filled out by you in blue or black ink. Do not use abbreviations on your application, write out what the abbreviation means.

- Behavioral violations will be checked.

- Attendance and tardies will be checked.

- Your application must be turned into the NHS advisor (Mrs. Fife) by the deadline that is stated on the application, school website, and Schoology (this approximate date each year will be around October 1). Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

PLEASE NOTE: National Honor Society is a service organization. Membership is a highly sought after honor, but it requires commitment to the ideals of the organization.

Your application will be evaluated based upon the criteria outlined on the next page. Some of these criteria have changed from previous years, so please read carefully and contact Mrs. Fife with any questions.

Information Packet Criteria

Scholarship:
Students must have a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.75 in order to establish eligibility for application.

Community Service:
Depending upon the grade level of the applicant, students are required to have logged a certain number of community service hours. *These hours must have the signature of the organization/person you completed the service with along with contact information (phone number or email) OR you need to bring the signed certificate into Mrs. Fife to verify and sign off on your application PRIOR to turning it in.* Do NOT attach any documents to this form. Any certificates or documents that are attached to this form will be discarded without consideration.

HHS Chapter of National Honor Society definition of community service: the giving of ones time to benefit those within their community. No monetary compensation is given to you or an organization that you are a member. The community service is not for a family member or a group that you are a member. Donations of items do not count towards hours of service.

Required Number of Community Service Hours By Grade Level

Juniors:	20 community service hours
Seniors:	30 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.

- Character is evaluated by the Hurricane High School Faculty.
- Applicants must demonstrate the highest standards of honesty, reliability, fairness and civility.
- Applicants must have a track record of adhering to school rules and regulations (i.e., attendance, tardiness, truancy, academic honesty, conduct, etc.)
- Discipline violations will be checked. Attendance and tardies will be checked.

Leadership:
Applicants must demonstrate the development of leadership ability by their participation in both school and community groups. These include participation in: athletic teams, community groups, and school clubs.

1. Depending upon the grade level of the applicant, students must demonstrate membership in the required number of school service organizations.

Required number of school-based activity points per grade level

Juniors:	membership in four school-based groups
Seniors:	membership in five school-based groups

For example, if a senior has played football all four years of high school, they would earn four points; or if a junior has been a member of DECA for three years, they would earn three points towards their total number.

In order for applicants to receive credit for school-based participation, they must be a current member of each organization in good standing as certified by the club/team sponsor. Applicants earn one point for each year that they have participated in an organization/sport/club.

2. ******New as of April 2026 and going forward******
   To meet the leadership criterion for NHS, a student must name three (3) leadership roles at school or in the community achieved since the ninth grade and indicate the roles and the name of the adult who supervised each of these activities on the candidate information form. More than three roles may be listed, but there must be three verifiable listings to be selected to the HHS Chapter of NHS.

3. Leadership will also be evaluated by the Hurricane High School Faculty, Coaches and Club Sponsors.

   ******New as of April 2026 and going forward******

   To meet part of the character and leadership criterion for NHS, a student must get their past or current teachers at Hurricane High School to indicate that you are a good candidate for membership into National Honor Society. They must acknowledge that you are of good character and have good leadership within their classroom. These evaluation forms will be attached to the information packet and it is the students responsibility to give the evaluations to the teachers of their choosing before the deadline date on the form. Juniors requirement is 3 and seniors is 4.

Selection Process
The National Honor Society Faculty Council reviews all applications using the above guidelines to determine who qualifies for membership. All applicants will be notified via mail of their status once the review process is completed.

******New as of April 2026 and going forward******

Induction Ceremony will take place at the end of October/beginning of November

Those selected for membership will be active members of the Hurricane High School Chapter of National Honor Society and will be expected to adhere to the active members criteria for that current school year.