

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is a national organization sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The national organization provides the guidelines to be used in the selection and dismissal process. Membership is a lifelong privilege. The purpose of the National Honor Society is to recognize students who have excelled in the areas of scholarship, leadership, character and service.

Eligibility

A student is eligible for consideration for membership in grades 11 and 12 if they have met certain criteria. The student must achieve a 3.5 cumulative Grade Point Average for the Scholarship requirement. (This eligibility requirement will rise to 3.7 beginning in the 2013-14 school year.) The criteria for Leadership, Character and Service are then considered, based on the student's completion of an application form. Students do not initiate their application for membership; rather they are invited to apply.

A proper regard for adolescent growth and behavior is essential. A student disciplinary record up to the time of eligibility will be taken into consideration, but it shall not automatically exclude the student from consideration for membership. Selected members are required to maintain and uphold all qualifications for membership.

Qualifications for Membership

Selection for membership to the NHS is a process administered by faculty members who take each of the four areas into consideration. Failure by the student to maintain any standard of membership during the selection process allows the selection committee to reconsider the student's eligibility.

Scholarship

The student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 (3.75 beginning with the 2013-14 school year) at the time of selection. The student must demonstrate a serious commitment to his/her academic performance in all classes. The first qualification date is at the close of Quarter 3 of the student's junior year. Reapplicants/new applicants will be notified at the close of Quarter 1 of the student's senior year.

Leadership

The student holds a position of responsibility and/or exhibits a presence of leadership that positively affects and/or motivates other people. This may encompass, but not be limited to, examples from both in and outside of school such as elected or appointed positions, club officers, committee chairperson, work area managers, or team captain.

The student will:

- a. Hold a position of responsibility and/or exhibit a presence of leadership that positively affects and/or motivates people both in the classroom and/or in the community.
- b. Promote school activities and be positively involved in them.
- c. Demonstrate leadership and dependability.
- d. Exhibit a positive attitude and inspire others to conduct themselves in a similar manner.

Service

Service is the value of the student's contributions to school, classmates, and community through participation in clubs and organizations.

The student will:

- a. Participate in at least three substantial activities as a minimum standard of service. This involvement may be in or outside of school, such as school clubs, teams, scouts, and community volunteer organizations.
- b. Work cooperatively with others and take on challenging or service-oriented responsibilities.
- c. Demonstrate a positive school spirit and be willing to lend a helping hand to those in need.
- d. Take on committee and staff work willingly and without reservation.

Character

The criteria for character are difficult to define. The following guidelines are helpful.

The student will:

- a. Demonstrate principles of morality, ethics, honesty and reliability.
- b. Observe instructions, rules and regulations in and outside the classroom.
- c. Be truthful and will not cheat nor seek to have others fail.
- d. Demonstrate courtesy, concern and respect for all members of the community.
- e. Exemplify desirable qualities such as cheerfulness, friendliness, resilience, and stability.

The Timberlane National Honor Society provides scholarships to members and encourages community involvement and volunteer work.