



### **What is National Honor Society?**

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Students of Tulpehocken who are National Honor Society members are allowed special privileges, and run special activities like Teacher Appreciation Day and the Talent Show.

### **How Do I Get Into National Honor Society?**

If you are interested in National Honor Society these are the things you should be thinking about.

1. NHS is for Juniors and Seniors only. That doesn't mean you shouldn't be doing some things as an underclassman to help better your chances of getting in.
2. Any student who is eligible to apply to NHS will be invited during their junior/senior year under these conditions:
  - a. Have a cumulative GPA of at least 93.0%
  - b. Have already earned a credit for a completed graduation project or be currently working on a project approved by the graduation project coordinator.
3. Once invited a student must fill out an application packet. The packet will show how the student fulfills the four aims of NHS which are, Character, Service, and Leadership (Scholarship is met by the minimum GPA).
4. The Faculty Council then reviews the applications and students are given a score. Those students meeting the minimum score are then inducted into NHS. All applications are anonymous to the Faculty Council.

## How can I prepare?

If you will be a junior or senior:

- Maintain high grades
- Gather examples of how you have been a leader either in the school or within the community.
- Gather examples of your service. To apply you must have at least 20 hours of service. Service hours must have been performed anytime from 9<sup>th</sup> grade to the present, and cannot include those hours used towards your graduation project. Service is anything you volunteer to do that you do not get paid for. It can include what you do for other clubs in school or organizations outside of school
- Show good character. You will need a character reference letter. Your teachers will be asked about your character as well.
- Keep track of all your activities inside and outside of school

If you are underclassmen:

- Maintain high grades
- Find ways to lead. Run for a class office, or club officer. Outside of school step forward volunteer to run something. There are many ways to be a leader that do not have a title
- Start serving. You will need to accumulate at least 20 hours of service from your 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. Service is anything you volunteer to do that you do not get paid for. It can include what you do for other clubs in school or organizations outside of school.
- Maintain good character. Especially while in school, be respectful of others and your teachers.
- Become active.
- Document all that you do!

NHS is a prestigious organization. You can only benefit by being a member.

## Further Questions?

If you have any specific questions you can contact the NHS adviser, Susan Weidenheimer

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