

CONGRATULATIONS!

Your outstanding academic accomplishments have made you eligible to apply for National Honor Society!



National Honor Society

Requirements for Admission

Students who meet academic qualifications for membership in the Glen Burnie Philoketes Chapter of the National Honor Society are required to submit the following to the chapter sponsor no later than Friday, September 16 at 2:10 pm:

- One information form, including list of service activities, leadership positions held, and awards received.
- Two recommendation forms to be completed by present or former teachers.
- One recommendation from an adult (other than a teacher or relative) who can vouch for your excellence in character.
- One essay stating why you are qualified for NHS in terms of scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

Candidates failing to meet the deadline will not be considered for this year's induction, which will be held on a date to be determined (most likely in November). When you ask teachers to complete a recommendation form, please make sure they are aware of the deadline, since they are to return forms directly to the chapter sponsor, not to you. All candidates who present their documents will be notified as to their acceptance status by the NHS Faculty Council, whose decision shall be final.

Please be advised that membership in NHS is a privilege, not a right. Also, please note that if you are admitted into the NHS and are later dismissed, you are not eligible for readmission.

GLEN BURNIE HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
Student Application

Information: *Please print clearly; Application Deadline:*

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Number of semesters at GBHS _____

Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

CHARACTER

Acceptance into this chapter of National Honor Society requires evidence of strong character. Some of the qualities of a NHS member are listed in the student handbook. To help us evaluate this quality, you must submit a character reference from an adult who knows you well. This may include a neighbor, coach, employer, youth director, etc. This recommendation must be sent directly to the NHS chapter sponsor (school address: 7550 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd. Glen Burnie, MD 21060) or emailed. It may not be written by a teacher or family member.

One aspect of character listed in the student handbook is that members comply with school regulations and civil laws. Please be aware that the NHS Faculty Council has no tolerance for alcohol use by minors or the illegal use of drugs. Members found in violation of state laws regarding the use of drugs or alcohol will be disciplined, and may be dismissed from NHS. Please note also that at the induction you will sign a pledge to uphold the GBHS integrity policy as stated in the student handbook, so please make sure you fully understand the policy.

SERVICE

Candidates must fulfill a minimum of twenty services hours to be considered for membership. In addition, National Honor Society members must maintain a minimum of twenty-five hours of service their first year, and thirty hours each following year, to retain membership. NHS sponsored activities are mandatory, and will count for some of these hours. Please list all service activities in which you have participated on a voluntary basis (without pay) for the betterment of your school or community. Since Service Learning hours are a graduation requirement, the DO NOT count toward the required twenty hours. DO NOT LIST Service Learning hours except those which are beyond the state requirement. Check the box of each grade during which the service was performed and calculate the total number of hours you have contributed since grade nine. Have the appropriate adult sponsor or supervisor sign for each activity.

Activity	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	Total Hours to Date	Supervisor Signature

LEADERSHIP

Leadership qualities as well as one or more positions of leadership are required for membership in this chapter of NHS. To qualify as a position of leadership the activity must involve all of the following: direct responsibility for motivating and delegating tasks to others, decision-making, and problem-solving. School leadership positions are preferred but positions outside of school may be listed. Positions may be elected, appointed, voluntary, or paid.

List student activities (student government, music, sports, clubs, etc.) in which you have participated and check the appropriate grade level(s). List leadership positions held and accomplishments

School Activity	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	Leadership Positions/Accomplishments	Supervisor Signature

Out of school leadership positions would include holding office in a youth group or community group or other positions which would meet the requirements for leadership mentioned above. Leadership positions outside of school will only be considered with a letter of recommendation written by a supervisor or sponsor describing your length of time in the position, responsibilities, and performance. This letter must be sent directly to the school to the attention of the NHS advisor by the application deadline and may not be written by a parent or relative.

Position	Organization	Supervisor Signature

RECOGNITION and AWARDS

List below any honors or awards that you have received which support your bid to be elected for membership in NHS. Check the box for each grade level which corresponds to the year the award was received.

Activity	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	Total Hours to Date	Supervisor Signature

FACULTY EVALUATION Please list the names of two faculty members who will evaluate your qualifications in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. The desired qualities for each area are listed in the student handbook.

STUDENT ESSAY Applicants must submit a brief essay describing why they feel they are qualified for NHS membership based on the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character, as described in the student handbook. Essay should be no more than two pages in length.

Teacher Evaluation Form – National Honor Society

_____ is scholastically eligible for membership in the Annapolis Chapter of National Honor Society. In order to qualify for selection, he/she must demonstrate significant qualities of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Characteristics of a student are to be rated on a scale from one to four, according to the following key:

“1” indicates that the student is weak in that characteristic.

“2” indicates that the student is average in that characteristic.

“3” indicates that the student is good in that characteristic.

“4” indicates that the student is outstanding in that characteristic.

If you have no basis for judgment of a particular characteristic, please mark “NB.” This will not reflect negatively on the student.

Characteristic:	NB	1	2	3	4
Displays intellectual curiosity					
Works beyond the course requirements					
Takes challenging courses					
Works up to ability					
Reliable in fulfilling obligations on time, with honesty and to the best of their ability					
Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously					
Exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior					
Upholds principles of morality and ethics					
Cooperates by complying with school regulations					
Actively participates in class and extracurricular activities					
Willing to uphold scholarship and maintains loyal attitude					
Volunteers dependable and well organized assistance; gladly available					
Willing to sacrifice to offer assistance					
Works well with others					
Willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities					
Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders service to the school					
Willing to represent the class or school in interscholastic competition					
Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students					
Resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles and making suggestions.					
Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities					
Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals					
Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school					
Able to delegate responsibilities					
Exemplifies positive attitudes					
Inspires positive behavior in others					
Demonstrates academic initiative					
Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility					
Demonstrates reliability and dependability					
Thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted					

Signature: _____

Date received from student: _____

To the teacher: If you have any reservations about this student’s candidacy for NHS, especially in the areas of character or integrity, please see the chapter advisor or write a statement on another sheet of paper.

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