



Spring Hill High School National Honor Society Application Information for 2020-2021 Inductees

- All sophomores (and certain Juniors who haven't been considered previously) who have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.7 or above (with no rounding) may apply for admission to the **SPRING HILL HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**.
- An essay on "What is volunteerism?" must be written.
- Application is ONLY available to ***Class of 2022 during their sophomore year***. Induction will be held in the Spring of 2020 ***during their sophomore year***. **We do not accept rising seniors, only rising juniors (except in situations where a student is new to our school through transfer, etc.)**.
- Three letters of recommendation must be sent to the NHS advisor. Two must be from a teacher, and one from an activity advisor and community member/employer. This form is available on the website.
- Your essay, recommendation letters, signature page and fee must be turned into the NHS advisor (Mrs. Thompson/Dr. Dotson) by ***March 10, 2020***. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

PLEASE NOTE: Honor Society is a service organization. Membership is an honor, but it requires commitment to the ideals of the organization. **Your acceptance of membership will indicate your willingness to participate in National Honor Society sponsored activities, service projects and meetings.** To maintain membership in NHS, you must maintain your GPA, fulfill your service hour requirements, be a good leader, show good character and abide by the National Honor Society bylaws. (See additional requirement for graduation in the scholarship section.) Failure to comply with these requirements will result in dismissal from the National Honor Society. If your behavior in school requires disciplinary action, your membership may be revoked.

Your application will be based on the following criteria. Please make sure you include all the information requested.

Scholarship:

Students will need to have a minimum GPA of 3.7 to be eligible to apply for NHS membership. You must maintain a 3.7 GPA, or you will lose your membership status. For any member to receive graduation honors they must have successfully completed a Dual enrollment course, passed an AP course (not necessarily the AP test) or passed all four ACT benchmark scores (Math 22, Reading 22, Science 23, English 18) prior to the end of their senior year.

Service:

You will be required to have total of **8 Service Hours** each semester. “Double Dipping” will be allowed with another school sponsored group. Please provide documentation of your service hours.

Examples of **school service activities**: helping with tournaments that raise money for your school sponsored activity, helping with a community project/benefit representing a school sponsored group (example helping set up Farm & Home Show or a benefit), cleaning golf course as part of cross country, track or golf, working the concession stand for basketball, football, activities organized by a school advisor, etc.

Examples of **community service projects**: helping with benefits, blood drives, food drive, organizing the food pantry, helping with church activities, student initiated cleaning of the park, 4-H sponsored activities, Boy Scouts projects, student lead and organized projects not planned by teacher/advisor, tutoring, etc.

Of your 8 service hours, at least 2 hours must be from tutoring.

Character:

Character is not based solely on personality nor upon minor incidents unless they are repeated to indicate specific pattern of behavior. A personal statement is part of your application.

- Promptly meets individual pledges and responsibilities.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty, reliability, fairness and civility.
- Adheres to school rules and regulations (i.e., attendance, tardiness, truancy, academic honesty, conduct, etc.)

Personal Statement: What is Volunteerism?

Perhaps the most difficult area to evaluate for selection of members is that of volunteerism. The last section of your application is a personal statement which should contain no less than **150 words and no more than 300 words**. Use your personal statement as an opportunity to express your core values and beliefs describing what volunteerism is to you. Explain how those values support your academic success and service to others.

Spelling, grammar and neatness along with quality of response will be part of the evaluation process. Please type the essay and turn in a copy with your recommendation letters. **This is to be written only by the applicant.**

The essay can either be a hard copy with your application or emailed to Dr. Dotson (sdotson@mauryk12.org) or Mrs. Thompson (lthompson@mauryk12.org)

NHS Signature Page

Name: _____

Class of 2022

I understand the requirements for membership and graduation honors in the NHS application and agree to abide by all requirements for NHS membership and graduation honors.

Student Signature/Date

Student Email

PARENT REVIEW AND CONSENT: I have reviewed my son/daughter's application information and affirm that it is correct. I give my consent for my son/daughter to apply for membership in the SPRING HILL HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY.

Parent Signature/Date

Parent Email

Student Shirt Size