

**SELECTION PROCEDURE  
for the  
MISSION BAY HIGH SCHOOL  
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Membership in the National Honor Society (NHS) is an honor bestowed on a student. Students who meet the criteria requirements will be invited to apply for membership.

A student who meets the academic requirements of at least a 3.50 GPA becomes automatically eligible for membership at the beginning of the sophomore year and remains eligible in grade twelve, providing the academic requirements continue to be met. If an eligible student wishes to be considered as a candidate for membership, he/she must complete a NHS application form. A candidate must have been in attendance at school for the equivalent of one semester.

Selection of members for the National Honor Society shall be by majority vote of the faculty council. The council may invite all faculty members to make comments on the candidates.

The criteria for membership are: outstanding scholarship, character, leadership and service as defined as follows:

Scholarship: The student must have a cumulative scholarship average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. The difficulty of a student's coursework may be considered as one of the selection criteria.

Character: This is probably the most difficult criterion to define. A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring and citizenship. The student of character takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously; consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability); upholds principles of morality and ethics; cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.; demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability; observes rules and instructions, both inside and outside the classroom, manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and also avoids profiting by the mistakes of others.

Leadership: There shall be evidence that the student has taken the initiative in class and school activities, has striven to train and aid others to attain the same objective, and has been willing to sacrifice personal interests for the interest of others.

Service: A willingness to volunteer his/her time and abilities to help others, without monetary compensation or public recognition, shall have been shown by the student both in everyday routine work and in special situations.

email application to [tborg@sandi.net](mailto:tborg@sandi.net) by September 15th

Please use the descriptions above to answer the following questions. Answers can be in paragraph form or bulleted lists with details.

1. How have you demonstrated character during your high school years?
2. How have you demonstrated leadership during your high school years?
3. How have you engaged in service during your high school years?

A teacher recommendation is also required (see below). Please have one teacher fill out the teacher recommendation form. Hard copies are available in room 111.

## *TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teachers: Thank you for filling out this recommendation to Mission Bay High School's Chapter of the National Honor Society for the above-named student. As established by the national charter, in order to become a member, a student must not only excel in scholarship, but also in leadership, character and service. We ask that you rank this student in these four areas. Please check the box that is appropriate.

	Outstanding	Good	Fair	Poor	Unable to Judge
Scholarship					
Character					
Leadership					
Service					

What comes to mind when you think of this student?

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Is there anything else you would like us to know about this student? If you marked "poor" in the chart above, please explain.

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*Thank you for your time. Please drop off this confidential recommendation form in Tracy Borg's box*

