



# SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL KNIGHTS

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September 2024

Dear Student:

San Marcos High School proudly boasts of a chapter affiliation with The National Honor Society (NHS). Membership is only open to eleventh and twelfth graders with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. To become a member, a student must also meet the required standards in the areas of leadership, service, and character. **Lack of evidence of leadership (in school or out of school), service to school or the community, failure to complete ALL parts of the application including the essay, and any disciplinary referrals all factor into membership consideration.**

If you are interested in becoming a member of this prestigious organization, upload your completed application to the Google Form by **Friday, October 11th, 2024 no later than 10pm**. Email me with any questions you have about the application process. The Faculty Council will review your evidence and make final decisions about membership. Students will be notified via email of their application decision the week of November 4th, 2024. Those students accepted into NHS will be invited to the Induction Ceremony on November 20th, 2024 in the San Marcos High School Theatre.

Demonstration of Service and Leadership activities must **have signatures of verification**. In lieu of an actual signature, the adult sponsor can verify participation by email. Please upload emails to the Google Form. **Only adult signatures are accepted.**

New members of NHS will be required to participate in Mandatory Community Service over the course of the academic year. Seniors are expected to complete 50 hours of service, and Juniors are expected to complete 25 hours of service. Membership in The National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. Please give this matter the attention it deserves.

**NO LATE applications will be accepted, no exceptions.**

Sincerely,

*Kaity Keenan*

Ms. Kaity Keenan  
Chapter Advisor

**NOTE:** Members will be asked for a \$10.00 contribution annually.



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Directions: Please complete all sections. Every bit of information can be used by the Faculty Council to assist with the selection process. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection.

## I Administrative Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student School Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## II Co-curricular Activities

List all activities in which you have participated during high school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc, and major accomplishments in each.

Activity	Year				Accomplishments
	9	10	11	12	



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### III Leadership Positions

List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community, or work activities. Only those positions in which you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. For example, elected student body, class, or club officer; committee chairperson; team captain; newspaper editor; or community leader.

**At least ONE activity must have a signature of verification. For adults providing your verification signature:** Type your first and last name, how you know the applicant, and your email address. Your name will serve as your signature and confirmation that the applicant has held the leadership role described. Students can also submit a PDF of an email verifying the information in the Google Form for application submission.

Leadership Role	Year				Role Description & Accomplishments	Signature of Verification
	9	10	11	12		



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## IV Service Activities

List service activities in which you have participated. These can be service projects done with a group either in or out of school, or done as individual projects performing service. Generally speaking, service activities are those done on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given.

**At least ONE activity must have a signature of verification. For adults providing your verification signature:** Type your first and last name, how you know the applicant, and your email address. Your name will serve as your signature and confirmation that the applicant has completed the service described. Students can also submit a PDF of an email verifying the information in the Google Form for application submission.

Activity	Year				Description of Activity <i>(when, where, etc.)</i>	Signature of Verification
	9	10	11	12		



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## V Other Community Activities

List other community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishments in each. These should be any activities outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community. For example: religious groups, clubs sponsored outside of school, Boy or Girl Scouts, or community art endeavors. *Do not repeat participation already listed above.*

**At least ONE activity must have a signature of verification. For adults providing your verification signature:** Type your first and last name, how you know the applicant, and your email address. Your name will serve as your signature and confirmation that the applicant has completed the service described. Students can also submit a PDF of an email verifying the information in the Google Form for application submission.

Community Activity	Year				Description of Activity & Hours per Week	Signature of Verification
	9	10	11	12		



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**VI Work Experience, Recognition, and Awards**

List below any job experiences, honors, or recognition that you have received that support your bid to be selected for membership in the National Honor Society. Work experience may be paid or volunteer.

Job, Recognition, or Award	Year				Description, Number of Hours Spent on Job or Volunteer Activity
	9	10	11	12	

**I understand that completing this form does not guarantee selection to NHS, and that the information presented here is complete and accurate.**

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Date

**I have read the information presented here by my son/daughter and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete in its presentation.**

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Date



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## Essay

Reflect on the issue of character and how it involves you personally. Why is it important to NHS members? Please type in the space below, and do not continue your essay onto a second page. **Additional pages will not be considered.**

**Signature:** I certify that I am the author of the above essay. I understand that I may be denied membership to SMHS National Honor Society if this work is determined to be other than my own.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date