

Glendale High School National Honor Society (rev Jan 2025)

Eligibility, Obligations, and Privileges

Eligibility

Students may apply to the National Honor Society (NHS) during their sophomore, junior, or senior year. There are application periods in September of Fall Semester and January of Spring Semester. A 5-member Faculty Selection Committee reviews the applications and rates them on Leadership and Community Service. The entire staff of GHS rates the applicants on Character. Applicants' GPA is verified by the NHS adviser. Decisions are made on the following criteria:

1. **Scholarship** -- Cumulative weighted grade point average of 3.5 on a scale of 4.0 by the end of 9th grade.
2. **Leadership** — Experience as a leader includes motivating others, delegating responsibility, generating ideas, making decisions, and taking ultimate responsibility. 10th graders need one strong example of leadership; 11th and 12th graders need two strong examples of leadership.
3. **Community Service** —
 - A. Minimum of 30 hours for 10th graders, which cannot be retroactive before 9th grade. Minimum 50 hours for 11th and 12th graders, which cannot be retroactive before 9th grade.
 - B. Volunteer hours must be for at least two different organizations.
 - C. At least 15 hours for 10th graders, at least 25 hours for 11th and 12th graders must be service that benefits a specific population in need or the whole community. This would include libraries, hospitals, the Red Cross or other humanitarian organizations, beach clean up campaigns, graffiti cleanup programs, voter registration, charity events that raise money for a cause, animal shelters, food banks, Goodwill, etc. This is the “C” category.
 - D. The remaining volunteer hours can be for any non-business organization, such as one's church or a scouting program. Tutoring is acceptable, but only outside the school day and NOT for a tutoring business. This is the “D” category.
 - E. The following would **NOT** be acceptable:
 - Setting up or helping for an event that is part of a GHS program or class
 - Grading papers or other helping work for a teacher
 - Walking your neighbor's pet
 - Helping someone is a business or job
 - Anything you are paid for
4. **Character** — Evidence of academic honesty, good attendance, few tardies, and overall integrity. If there is an incident of cheating in the student's discipline file, he/she must wait 12 months before reapplying.

There is no limit on the number of members that can be accepted into NHS. It is the goal of the Faculty Selection Committee to be as inclusive as possible without compromising the integrity of NHS and the high personal qualities required for membership. Students who are not accepted are told the reason(s) for the decision, and applicants can reapply as often as they choose. However, if applicants are offered membership in NHS and they refuse, they may not apply again, and membership will not be offered again. 🍌

The Application

Please **type** the application, and keep responses brief. Bulleted lists are best. Do not write long narrative paragraphs. If you can **insert a Text Box and type in it**, it's easier to read. Note — your name goes ONLY on the last page.

10th, 11th, and 12th graders can apply in the Fall Semester and/or Spring Semester.

Obligations

1. Maintain a weighted cumulative 3.5 GPA for sophomore, junior, and senior years.
2. Pay annual membership dues of \$10.
3. Complete 10 hours of community service before April 30, and provide documentation. Failure to do so can, at the discretion of the faculty adviser, result in not being allowed to wear the NHS stole at graduation.
4. Attend all regularly scheduled NHS meetings.
5. Maintain high ethical and moral standards of conduct. Offenses serious enough to be entered into a student's discipline file, such as cheating, may be grounds for dismissal.
6. Participate in NHS fundraising.

Privileges

1. Wearing of NHS recognition stole and tassel at graduation.
2. NHS seal affixed to diploma.
3. Recognition at Senior Awards Night

Keep these pages for your records.

GHS ID _____

Current grade in school ____ 10 ____ 11 ____ 12

Leadership Positions. List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school or community 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, Nitro Crew, team captain, newspaper or yearbook editor, community leader, — if these positions involve responsibility for projects or activities. ASB Commissioner does not count, unless you took responsibility for an event. Paid jobs do not count.

1. Organization _____

Name and phone of adult sponsor _____

Years: 9 10 11 12

Describe what your leadership consisted of.

2. Organization _____

Name and phone of adult _____

Years: 9 10 11 12

Describe what your leadership consisted of.

3. Organization _____
Name and phone of adult sponsor _____

Years: 9 10 11 12

Describe what your leadership consisted of.

4. Organization _____
Name and phone of adult sponsor _____

Years: 9 10 11 12

Describe what your leadership consisted of.

ID _____

Current grade in school _____

Community Service. List all community service activities in which you have participated and describe your role, as specifically as you can. **Read the requirements on page 1 carefully and put the "C" category hours first. Note — Nitro Crew is Leadership, not Community Service. "D" Category hours come after.**

1. Organization (**"C" Category**) _____

Name and phone of adult sponsor _____

Years: 9 10 11 12 Total number of hours _____

Describe the community service activity.

2. Organization (**"C" Category**) _____

Name and phone of adult sponsor _____

Years: 9 10 11 12 Total number of hours _____

Describe the community service activity.

3. Organization (**"D" Category**)_____

Name and phone of adult sponsor _____

Years: 9 10 11 12 Total number of hours _____

Describe the community service activity.

4. Organization (**"D" Category**)_____

Name and phone of adult sponsor _____

Years: 9 10 11 12 Total number of hours _____

Describe the community service activity.

Name (print) _____ ID _____ Grade in school _____

Please write your current class schedule.

Period	Course name	Teacher	Room
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			

I have read the policies regarding eligibility, obligations, and privileges of membership in the National Honor Society. I understand them and I agree to abide by them if I am selected.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Home phone or cell _____

GHS Student Email _____

Address (street, apt number, city, zip code) _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____