



National Honor Society
Rosemount High School



Frequently Asked Questions

The Rosemount High School Chapter of the National Honor Society inducts sophomores and juniors in May of each school year. Prior to selection, eligible members are asked to submit an application for membership consideration to the NHS chapter advisors. Each candidate's application is reviewed, teacher input is considered, and a decision on membership is made by a committee of faculty members called the Faculty Council. Those students who are accepted into the chapter are inducted in a ceremony in May.

Here are some frequently asked questions that may help you understand what is required of prospective members and the application process.

1. Who may apply for membership in the NHS?

Any student enrolled at Rosemount may apply for membership in the National Honor Society (NHS) after completing the first semester of their sophomore or junior year, provided they meet the minimum GPA requirement. Eligible students will receive an official letter in January inviting them to attend a required application meeting held in February.

2. What are the minimum GPA requirements for membership in the NHS?

At this time, students in the Class of 2024 and beyond must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 to be eligible for membership in the National Honor Society (NHS). However, meeting the 3.50 GPA requirement does not guarantee acceptance into NHS.

Once inducted, members are required to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.50 to remain in good standing. If a member's GPA falls below 3.50, the student will be placed on probation for one trimester. At the end of the probationary period, the student's GPA will be reviewed. If the GPA has not been raised to at least 3.50, the student may be referred to the faculty council for further review and possible dismissal from NHS.

3. How do I apply for membership in the NHS?

Students who are eligible for NHS are notified by mail after the first semester of their sophomore and junior year. Students interested will attend a meeting in February where they will receive the application along with the application's deadline. Students will receive their application at the end of the meeting, and must complete and submit the membership application by the due date. The application form includes sections where you will describe your character, leadership, community service involvement/service activities, and two short essays.

4. When will I know if I have been accepted for membership in the NHS?

Notification letters are mailed after the advisory council has completed its review of all applications and teacher feedback has been collected. Letters are typically sent between late March and April.

Students who are accepted for membership will receive a letter outlining the next steps in the process, including information about induction. Students who are not selected for membership will also receive written notification.

5. Besides Scholarship, what are the other criteria for membership in the NHS?

In addition to scholarship, the National Honor Society (NHS) evaluates candidates based on leadership, service, and character. Applicants must demonstrate meaningful leadership both within and outside of school, show a commitment to serving their school and community, and uphold high standards of moral and ethical conduct.

6. What part does character play in the application process?

The Rosemount Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) places strong emphasis on the character of its members. Students who have violated Rosemount High School policies, broken the law, or been subject to disciplinary action may be denied membership in NHS.

Students who choose to apply are provided space within the application to explain the circumstances surrounding any infraction and to reflect on what they learned from the experience. The faculty council will carefully consider this explanation as part of its review process. Failure to disclose any disciplinary action will result in the student being ineligible for acceptance into the program during the year of application and in future years as well.

7. What qualifies as service hours?

Service hours are defined as time spent participating in activities for which a student receives no form of compensation. Students must serve as volunteers and demonstrate a positive and enthusiastic attitude while completing these activities. Compensation is not limited to monetary payment; it also includes non-monetary rewards. Service hours completed to fulfill a requirement for a class, course, or school activity may not be counted toward the application.

Note, once a student is accepted into NHS, any activity that is for a Rosemount High School art, activity, or athletic team will not be counted towards NHS hours. During the application process, students can document any and all volunteer work.

8. How many service hours do I need in NHS?

Prospective members of the National Honor Society (NHS) must complete a minimum of 15 service hours while enrolled in high school. During the application review process, the Faculty Council evaluates several factors related to service. First, the council considers the student's overall commitment to service, including participation in a variety of service projects and activities. Second, the council reviews the consistency of the student's involvement, with attention to the frequency and sustained nature of the service performed.

Students who are accepted into NHS are required to complete 36 service hours each year. For seniors, the service year runs from June 1 through April 30 of the following year. For juniors, the service year runs from June 1 through May 31 of the following year.

9. What is considered a leadership position?

A leadership position is any role in which a student is responsible for managing, motivating, or overseeing others. These positions may be elected, appointed, or demonstrated through active involvement in school clubs, athletic teams, or community organizations. Leadership roles may also be connected to a specific service or community project.

Work-related leadership positions, such as serving as a team leader or trainer, are also considered acceptable. However, holding a title alone does not automatically demonstrate leadership. Applicants must clearly explain in their application how they have actively managed, motivated, and guided others in their role.

10. What should I include in my application?

Applicants should include all relevant information on their NHS application. Omitting details—whether due to limited space, rushing, or not taking the application seriously—can reduce the likelihood of acceptance. The Faculty Council typically looks for well-rounded students who demonstrate academic excellence and a strong commitment to community service. Leaving key sections blank may weaken your application.

Not having a leadership position, for example, does not automatically disqualify a student, but it does mean that other aspects of the application, such as service and character, will need to be particularly strong.

It is important to provide accurate and truthful information. Fabricating or exaggerating any part of your application—including character, service, or leadership—will result in ineligibility for admission both in the current year and in future years. Additionally, all volunteer activities listed must include a contact name to verify the service hours and involvement.

11. I am a freshman or sophomore, why should I care about membership in NHS?

Even if you are a freshman or sophomore, it is beneficial to begin preparing now if you hope to be considered for membership in the National Honor Society (NHS). Advisors and the Faculty Council recommend getting involved in school clubs and activities, exploring and participating in volunteer or community service opportunities, maintaining strong academic performance, and consistently following both the law and the Rosemount High School code of conduct.

The standards for NHS membership are high, so starting early helps build the foundation needed for eligibility. Beyond membership, volunteering and community involvement provide personal growth, satisfaction, and a sense of civic responsibility that extends far beyond high school. Your freshman or sophomore year is an ideal time to begin cultivating a lifelong commitment to service and leadership.

12. Does it cost anything to be a member of NHS?

Yes, membership in the National Honor Society (NHS) requires a one-time fee of \$60. Payments are made through the red soccer ball in EduTrak. Dates for payment are listed in the student's acceptance letter. This fee covers local and national dues, a t-shirt, three social events, induction costs, and graduation honor cords.

Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are not required to pay the fee, but they must complete the necessary application and documentation through the district to have the fees covered.

13. Who should I speak to if I need more information on membership in NHS?

For questions about membership in the National Honor Society (NHS), you can contact the NHS advisors: Mrs. Krebs, Mr. Paulson, or Mrs. Stencil. They can provide guidance on the application process and membership requirements.

It can also be helpful to speak with current NHS members or student leaders, who can offer insights on service opportunities and share advice from their own experiences.