

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
HAWTHORNE HS  
HAWTHORNE, NJ**

Congratulations! Your weighted GPA has made you academically eligible for consideration for selection to the Hawthorne High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Selection to the National Honor Society is based on four characteristics: Scholarship, Character, Leadership, and Service. You have the required weighted grade average of 92.0 or higher to be considered. Before you decide whether or not you'd like to apply, let me tell you a little about the National Honor Society.

The National Honor Society (NHS) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) are the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS and NJHS serve to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since their beginnings in 1921.

It is a prestigious group that colleges would like to see on your college transcripts (and gives your parents bragging rights). After you are inducted, as a senior you will be expected to complete tutoring hours as well as service hours. If you completed your responsibilities, you will receive a gold tassel at your graduation.

So you must decide if the NHS is something you would like to pursue.

Attached you will find your NHS application. Please fill it out in its entirety and attach any necessary documentation required to verify community service or other activities. If you have any questions, please see Mr. McMann.

All applications are due on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Late applications will not be accepted.

Thank you,

Mr. McMann

# National Honor Society

## Activity, Service, and Leadership Profile Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Period 1 (Teacher & Room #): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

### Service Eligibility:

Extracurricular Activities	Sponsor Signature	Leadership Role Held	Years of Participation (check all that apply)			
			9	10	11	12
Voluntary Community Service Activities from school or community organizations*	Sponsor Signature	Years of Participation (check all that apply)				
		9	10	11	12	

\*Unless school sponsored, a letter MUST be attached to verify voluntary participation.\*

# National Honor Society Scoring Rubric

A total minimum score of 9 is necessary to be considered for the National Honor Society.

## Application:

A TOTAL MINIMUM SCORE OF 2 IS NECESSARY TO BE CONSIDERED.

Application Appearance	Point Value
Professional; Neatly typed. Organized, logically presented. Essay is skillfully written.	4
Fairly neat. Written in blue or black ink. Essay is generally clear.	3
Fairly neat. Written in blue or black ink. Essay is vague.	2
Difficult to read or not written in blue or black ink. Essay is unclear or confusing.	1
Essay is illegible or incomplete	0

## Leadership:

Candidates will earn leadership score using the following rubric. A score is given for each leadership position listed (maximum 3 positions) on the application and the scores are added together to obtain a total score.

A TOTAL MINIMUM SCORE OF 3 IN LEADERSHIP IS NECESSARY TO BE CONSIDERED.

Leadership Description	Point Value
Holds office in club, class, or activity; or Captain (Co-captain) of sports teams(s); and regularly demonstrates leadership; or has served as manager in a paid employment position that can be verified by the employer.	4
Has submitted written proof from official activity advisor of a major role in promoting/organizing a school or community activity (Blood Drive, Hawthorne Day, SEPAC Color Run) or has served in a supervisory role in a paid employment position that can be verified by the employer.	3
Has not served in leadership role but demonstrates cooperation with leadership figures which can be substantiated in writing by an adult associated with at least 2 activities.	2
Has not served in leadership role but demonstrates cooperation with leadership figures which can be substantiated in writing by an adult associated with at least 1 activity.	1
Does not indicate any leadership initiative.	0

## Service:

The student's active participation in a minimum of two extracurricular activities in the year prior to induction, and three in the year of induction determine Service Eligibility. One of the three activities **MUST** involve community service. Service includes active participation in HHS approved clubs, sports, and organizations. Active community service may be substituted for one school activity each year. The activity sponsor must verify all activities. Continued active service in three activities must be maintained by all members throughout their term in the National Honor Society.

**A TOTAL MINIMUM SCORE OF 1 IN COMMUNITY SERVICE IS NECESSARY TO BE CONSIDERED.**

Leadership Description	Point Value
Outstanding service through direct improvement of their community, such as tutoring children, trash clean up, reading to the blind, etc. and/or consistently participating in charitable organization.	3
Helps the community, but doesn't have a direct impact (ushering people at an event, or helping with a one-time event for example). Consistency of service is maintained from year to year.	2
Helps the community, doesn't have a direct impact, but a lack of consistency is shown from year to year.	1
How the activity impacts the community is unclear, or no documented community service.	0

## Character:

Character Eligibility is determined prior to the induction through faculty input, consultation with the school administration, a check of each potential member's school records including disciplinary referrals, attendance, tardiness, responsibility, and most definitely, by Faculty Council deliberation. All members are expected to adhere to the rules, regulations, and code of conduct of Hawthorne High School.

Any applicant that earns 6 points or more as outlined in the list below will not be considered for the NHS. If any student has earned points in his or her freshman year, 3 points will be removed after the students' sophomore year, as long as no other infractions have taken place during that time.

(Dismissal procedures can be found on the HHS website)

(All NHS applicants must report and describe any character flaws they have acquired on their NHS application)

<b><u>Character Flaw</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>
Academic Dishonesty	6
Harassment/Bullying	6
Drugs/Alcohol	6
Cutting Class	6
Smoking/Vaping/Juuling/etc.	6
Failing to reveal characters flaws on NHS Application	6
Insubordination	3-6
Inappropriate language towards faculty/staff	3-6
Fighting	3-6
Violation of BYOD/Internet Use Policies	3
Disruptive to class or other school activities	2
Violating minor school policies (cell phone usage, dress code, etc)	1 per violation

Tutorial Qualifications: Please list the subjects and grade levels you feel comfortable to tutor:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide 3 faculty and/or administrators signatures who are willing to attest to your character eligibility:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any additional information that you would like the NHS Faculty Council to know as they review your application for prospective membership into the society?

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Student Signature

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Date

**If for some reason you do not wish to be considered for membership into the National Honor Society, Please sign and return this form.**

I do not wish to be considered for membership into the National Honor Society.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

## Student Essay

Respond to the following essay in the space provided below. Please limit your responses to a maximum of 250 words. Essay must be typed.

What do you see as a function of an organization such as the National Honor Society? If selected to this group, how would you contribute to the continued growth and success of the NHS? What service activities would you like to see the NHS pursue this year?

*Note: do not include your name in the essay, but personal stories or characteristics are acceptable.*



**The following activities qualify as school-sponsored extracurricular activities for National Honor Society:**

All School Play/Musical

Art Club

Band

Clarion

Class Cabinet

Color Guard

Creative Writing Club

Debate Club

Digital Media Club

Drama Club

DREAM Club

Ecology Club

GSA Club

Italian Club

Interscholastic Athletic Program (*football, soccer, tennis, volleyball, cheerleading, lacrosse, basketball, bowling, wrestling, baseball, softball, track and field*)

Jazz Club

Robotics Club

SHARE

Spanish Club