



Selection to NHS is a privilege, not a right. Membership is granted only to those students selected by the Faculty council. NHS is more than an honor roll and extent to which the chapter emphasizes the components of the selection process (leadership, character, and service) is carefully included in the selection process guides.

### **I. Leadership**

This is considered highly important for membership selection. Leadership can be defined in terms of the number of offices a student has held in school or community organizations or in less objective terms such as personality and drive.

The student who exercises leadership:

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions.
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
- Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- Is able to delegate responsibilities
- Exemplifies positive attitudes
- Inspires positive behavior in others
- Demonstrates academic initiative
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, conducting business effectively and efficiently, and without prodding, demonstrates reliability and dependability
- Is a forerunner in the classroom, at work, and in school or community activities
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.

### Service

Service is often defined in terms of value of contributions. What contribution has this candidate made to school, classmates, and community? What is the student's attitude toward service?

The student who serves:

- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude
- Participates in some outside activity: Girl Scouts; Boy scouts; church groups; volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged; family duties
- Volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available and willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- Does committee and staff work without complaint
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

### II. Character

Character is probably the most difficult criterion to define. Consider the positive as well as the negative aspects of character. All judgements should be free of hearsay and rumor

The student of character:

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, and stability)
- Uphold 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
- Shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- Observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness both inside and outside the classroom
- Has powers of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others
- Actively helps rid the school of bad influences and environment

This criterion is verbatim from the NHS handbook.

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CANDIDATES

ALL PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO:

1. Write a letter stating the reasons why he/she desires to be admitted to the Panther Valley Chapter of National Honor Society. The letter should include contributions you could make to the PVHS Chapter of NHS.
2. Complete a list of all school activities/offices held and length of participation from freshman year.
3. Complete a list of all outside activities with verification (include a brief letter signed by the person in charge of activity stating time involved and nature of activity).
4. Two recommendations are needed. Letters of recommendation should verify your active participation in the group and substantiate your leadership abilities and positive qualities of your character which benefit the group.
5. You should have a minimum of 20 hours of community service.
6. Have all credentials to the advisor on the given due date. Applications will not be accepted after the due date.
7. Applications that are NOT complete and do NOT have all supporting documentation will NOT be considered for membership this year.

Due Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. in August