

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

## APPLICATION PACKAGE

### *SOMERSET COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY*

*Completed application packet must be received by Ms. O'Connor at [occonnor.abby@somersetcollegeprep.org](mailto:occonnor.abby@somersetcollegeprep.org), no later than 3:00pm by the due date listed below. Please follow up with those whom you have chosen to write your letters of recommendation, as they must also be received by Ms. O'Connor via email by 3:00pm on the same due date. There will be no exceptions.*

*Application due date. 3:00 pm, September 18, 2020*

## Minimum Requirements

### **Ideal candidates should have the following requirements:**

- Sophomore standing
- 3.5 *unweighted* GPA WITH NO GRADE LOWER THAN A "C"
- ~~Have taken at least one honors course each year in high school~~
- Completed 75 community service hours (completed and documented by administration by application deadline).

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**  
**Statement of Understanding**

**Membership Responsibilities**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that membership in the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. Selection is based not only on scholarship but also on service, leadership, and character.

**It should be noted, acceptance is not automatic and will occur only after application is reviewed by the faculty council.**

~~If accepted, I pledge to faithfully strive to fulfill the promise of the NHS pledge and to~~ continue to demonstrate and develop those qualities of scholarship, service, leadership, and character which led to my receiving the honor of being an NHS member. As a NHS member, I realize that much will be expected of me, and that *as a minimum*, my responsibilities as a member will include the following:

- *regular attendance of meetings*
- active participation in chapter projects within the school and within the community,
- serving as a peer tutor.

Wearing of NHS insignia is a privilege of membership which is only allowed to members in good standing. Should membership be revoked for any reason, insignia will be returned to the Chapter Advisor, Ms. O'Connor.

~~If granted membership, I understand and freely accept these responsibilities.~~

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## National Honor Society

### Student Activity *Information* Form (This is NOT an application form.)

Directions: Please complete all sections. Do not **be** modest Every bit of information can be useful to the Faculty Council in the selection process. Include only accomplishments up to this date. Do NOT include anticipated future activities. Feel free to print extra copies of any page, if needed. **Completion of this form** does **not guarantee selection**. Should you have any questions about this form, please contact NHS Adviser,

#### Administrative Information (Please **print** in INK or type):

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Home Address:

Street Address- \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number (including area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Names: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#### Certification:

I certify that the information contained herein is true and that any written work attached is my own. I understand that any misrepresentation of this information may result in the denial of my candidacy.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Service Hours Verification Document

**Candidate Name**  
**(printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

Service is one of the four pillars of the National Honor Society. Your service record will be considered by the Faculty Council in order to evaluate the service component of the membership selection process.

All service hours must be documented and submitted to the Community Service Hours Administrator. Only service hours submitted and documented as of the date of the submission of the NHS application deadline will be considered by the Faculty Council.

This is to certify that this student, \_\_\_\_\_,  
has earned \_\_\_\_\_ documented service hours as of the date below.

\*\*Service Hour Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ms. Peggy)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Leadership Positions:**  
 List all elected, appointed, or assumed leadership positions held in school, community, or work activities. Only those positions where 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; work area manager; or community leader. Include **evidence of initiative** to assume leadership for unelected positions. List activities separately by academic year (i.e., if you held an office in both 9th and 10th grade, list separately.)

Leadership Position	9	10	11	12	Activity or Organization	App/Elect/Assumed

Use the space below to explain what you DID to demonstrate leadership for each position. Also add additional clarifying information, if the position might not be familiar to the Faculty Council.

**Community Commitment:**

List 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 the community. For example, church groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, civic groups, community art, theater or musical endeavors and the like. Please describe or define any activity that may not be clear to the readers. List activities separately by academic year (i.e., if you participated in Community Theater in both 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade, list separately.)

Activity/Group	9	10	11	12	Frequency	Total hours	Signature or Name & Phone # of Supervisor	Major Accomplishment
<b>SUM TOTAL HOURS</b>	X	X	X	X	<b>Total:</b>			







## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY APPLICATION ESSAY**

**Essays (500 words} are to be submitted as part of the application package.**

**The four pillars of the National Honor Society are scholarship, leadership, service and character. In your opinion, which of these is the most important pillar, with regard to personal development and future success of an individual? Support your response with facts/personal experiences.**

## NHS Recommendation Form

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

We thank you in advance for your timely completion of this form on behalf of the aforementioned candidate. Your responses will be used to determine the eligibility of the candidate for membership in NHS.

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### QUESTIONNAIRE:

- How long prior to the deadline did this candidate forward this request to you?

\_\_\_\_\_

➤ How long have you known the candidate and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

- Please rank this candidate on the items listed below. Please use the following ranking system:

4 = outstanding

0 = no basis for judgement

3 = good

2 = average

1 = poor

Please include any additional explanations or comments in the place provided at the end of the form.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibits quality scholarship habits
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrates academic initiative and enthusiasm for learning
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Is an active, positive influence on peers
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Exemplifies honesty and integrity in and out of the classroom
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Trustworthy

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Complies with school rules and exceptions
  7. \_\_\_\_\_ Treats peers and teachers with respect
  8. \_\_\_\_\_ Handles both positive and negative situations well
  9. \_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrates high standards of reliability and responsibility
  10. \_\_\_\_\_ Has a positive attitude and inspires that in others
  11. \_\_\_\_\_ Takes the initiative
  12. \_\_\_\_\_ Organizes and motivates peers to achieve a common goal
  13. \_\_\_\_\_ Readily assists classmates and faculty members with chores/work when needed
  14. \_\_\_\_\_ Willing and able to effectively represent the school within the community
  15. \_\_\_\_\_ Takes on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities when asked (without compensation or extra credit)
- What one work best describes this student? \_\_\_\_\_
- I give this student the following endorsement: (Please initial.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Enthusiastic recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation
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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

**Faculty Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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