

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

APPLICATION PACKAGE

SOMERSET COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Completed application packet must be received by Ms. O'Connor in person no later than 3:00 pm on the due day 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 the due day date and time. There will be NO late exceptions.

Application due date 3:00 pm, September 20th, 2022.

Minimum Requirements

Ideal candidates should have the following requirements:

- **At least Sophomore standing**
- **3.5 *unweighted* GPA**
- **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)**

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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: _____

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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 the NHS Advisor.

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

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. ____

Today's Date _____

Year in School _____

Email Address _____

Height _____ Weight _____

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; (office staff) _____

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/elected/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.

Co-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List all school activities in which you have participated during high school. Include all clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and indicate role and major accomplishments in each. List activities separately by academic year (i.e. if you participated in soccer in both 10th and 11th grade, list separately)

Activity	9	10	11	12	Role and Accomplishment

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 the 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.

This completed form must be received by the Chapter Advisor, Abby O'Connor, no later than 3:00 pm, September 10th, 2021 at oconnor.abbv@somersetcollegeprep.org.

As established by the national charter, in order for a candidate to become a member of the National Honor Society, a student must excel not only in scholarship but also in leadership, character, and service.

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

1 - poor

3 - good

0 = no basis for judgement

2 = average

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 word best describes this student? _____

➤ I give this student the following endorsement: (Please initial.)

_____ Enthusiastic recommendation

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_____ Recommendation with reservation

_____ Cannot recommend at this time.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Faculty Signature: _____ Date: _____

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