

APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The NHS application can be found on the MMRHS website. Print the application taking care to print two copies of the recommendation form. The application requires two essays: one on leadership and one on what your membership in the National Honor Society would bring to our school community. Each essay should be labeled, typed, doubled spaced and **NO LONGER** than one page with your name on the heading of **EACH** essay. Please refer to your character, leadership abilities, and service as these are the defining characteristics of an NHS student. In addition, there should be two letters of reference primarily focused on your character, a completed application form and a peer tutor form.

- 1. Character:** Submit two letters of reference from adults who are not family members that demonstrate you are a person with high values and integrity.
- 2. Leadership:** Many students feel that if they do not hold an elected position they are not leaders. Many great leaders never held and elected office: Ghandi, Martin Luther King Jr., Elisabeth Cady Stanton. Submit an essay with your application indicating your leadership qualities and how you would use those qualities to influence others. Be specific.
- 3. Personal Impact:** It's a given that membership in the National Honor Society looks good on a college application. However, the NHS was established as a means of honoring those who strive for excellence and give of themselves to their communities. Please submit an essay explaining why you desire membership and what specifically you feel your membership would add to our NHS chapter.
- 4. Service:** This application invites you to list the leadership and service activities you have been involved in **since** entering high school. You should indicate how long you have held the position or been involved in each. Feel free to go onto a separate sheet of paper if necessary. Be sure to obtain verification signatures as well.

NHS members are required to assist their peers with tutoring. Please fill out the Peer Tutoring form as part of your application.

The **overall presentation** of your application will indicate to the review committee the esteem in which you hold the National Honor Society. Membership should not be taken lightly. It is not only an honor but a commitment. If selected, you will be expected to attend meetings and participate in service activities in order to maintain membership. Only apply if you feel you are able to fully participate.

Please submit your completed application to Mrs. Clark in the main office no later than **3pm on Tuesday, September 12, 2017**. **Any Applications turned in late will not be accepted**. Please **DO NOT STAPLE** your letters, essays and forms together. Return your application in a manila envelope.

There will be a "Tips for Application" meeting on **Wednesday September 6, 2017 at 6pm** in the MMRHS Library. This meeting is to answer questions you may have about the application process and to provide you with helpful information regarding your application. Both students and parents are welcome.

Name: _____

I. Leadership Positions – List all elected or appointed leadership positions or other positions of responsibility held in the school, community, or work activities. Only those positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others should be included.

| Leadership Position | Length of Time in Position | Activity or Organization |
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II. Service Activities – List service activities in which you have participated. These can be individual or group service projects done either in or out of school. Service activities are those that are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (money, school credit, or otherwise) has been given. You must have a contact person sign to verify each service activity.

| # of hours given and date(s) | Organization and contact person name & signature | Description of Activity |
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III. Other Student Activities -Although not required for membership your involvement in the school community provides insight into your priorities. List all other school-based activities in which you have participated. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and any significant accomplishments in each.

| School Year | Activity | Accomplishments |
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IV. Work Experience, Recognition and Awards- Though not a specific criterion for membership, please list any job experiences, honors or recognition you have received.

| Job, Recognition or Award | Hours spent (if applicable) | Group or Activity and Contact |
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Name: _____

One of the requirements for members of MMRHS' National Honor Society is offering peer tutoring services. Please complete the form below indicating subject areas and courses for which you could offer tutoring, and the times that will work for you.

Peer Tutoring Form

| Subject | Specific Course | Available: (check times; pick days) |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| <i>Ex: Social Studies</i> | <i>Honors U.S. History Life and Death</i> | Before School: During School: After School: |
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Recommendation Form for :

MMRHS Chapter of the National Honor Society

(2 recommendations are required, at least one from an MMRHS faculty member)

Recommender _____

Title/Position _____

Address _____

Telephone where you may best be reached _____

Email _____

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. If you are a teacher, please note the class/classes in which you have taught the applicant and the level of course difficulty. Please comment on the student's intellectual ability, work habits, and personal characteristics.

3. Please assess the student's readiness to participate in peer tutoring and service projects as a member of NHS.

4. Please comment on any background information or special circumstances that you think may be relevant to our assessment of the student.

Please circle one and sign below:

I recommend this student for membership in NHS without reservation I do not

recommend this student for membership in NHS at this time.

Signature of Recommender _____