

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY APPLICATION

Maine West High School 2017-2018

DUE: on or before 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 in the Main Office

*PLEASE WRITE **LEGIBLY**

Name _____ Year in School: junior senior

Student ID#: _____ Email address: _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip code _____

Phone Number: _____

Current English teacher: _____

IMPORTANT:

Read application instructions carefully before completing any part of this application

If accepted for membership in the National Honor Society, I agree to the following:

1. I will participate in ALL required, monthly NHS meetings.
2. I will accumulate 30 hours of community service during each year of membership, 15 per semester.
3. I will not let my grade point average fall below a weighted, cumulative 3.5 any semester.
4. I will abide by all school rules as well as all local, state and federal laws.
5. I will attend Induction practice and the Induction Ceremony each year of membership.
6. I understand that failure in any of the above areas is grounds for removal from NHS.

Applicant Signature

I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that any inaccurate or misleading information will jeopardize my membership privilege. I further certify that I will, if accepted, abide by the rules and support the goals of the National Honor Society.

Print name as you wish it to appear on your membership certificate (if selected)

Applicant Signature

Please initial each box:

- Application must be in the correct order, as originally provided.
- Application due date is on or before 3:30 pm, **Wednesday, February 15 in the Main Office.**
- Applications will NOT be accepted after 3:30 pm. Do not put applications in my personal mailbox and do not turn in at any other location. Applications will not be accepted if they are placed in another location or are not turned in on time.
- Failure to submit the application in the order provided OR altering the application or text boxes or using a font smaller than the required, 11-point font will nullify your application.

II. A. Leadership Positions – List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in high school, community, or work activities. Only those positions in which 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.

Activity	Year				Accomplishments
	9	10	11	12	

II. B. Choose one of the leadership positions listed above. Describe how you demonstrated leadership during this activity in the box provided below.

Descriptors of someone with strong leadership include the following. Read them carefully, and then in about half page explain how you demonstrated these attributes in each leadership position.

- a. successfully fulfills an elected or appointed office or other position of responsibility, conducting business efficiently and effectively
- b. has an ongoing, positive impact on others through his or her leadership of an organization or team
- c. is able to communicate effectively between organization sponsor and peers
- d. models positive behavior for peers
- e. takes initiative, coordinated, planned, organized, or led the activities of a group of people (use specific examples).

III. A. Service Activities – List service activities in which you have participated. These can be service projects done with a group either in or out of school, or done as individual project performing service. Service activities are those which are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary, school credit or other) has been given. Please list the name of an adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each activity. Avoid using family members as adult supervisors. **NOTE: At least 10 (TEN) hours of service are required for eligibility. THE HOURS YOU LIST MUST BE EQUAL TO OR MORE THAN 10.**

Activity	Year				Group or Activity/Adult Sponsor's name, email/phone	Number of hours served
	9	10	11	12		

NOTE: Helping family/friends does not fulfill the NHS service requirement. While admirable, single days of service such as a walkathon or giving blood does not demonstrate an ongoing commitment to service. The selection committee may consider length/consistency of service over time in making its decisions.

III. B. Choose one of the service projects listed above. In the box provided, please describe what you did and demonstrate your ongoing commitment to service.

Descriptors of someone with strong service to the school or community include the following. Read them carefully, and then explain how you demonstrated these attributes during your service.

- a. gets involved in activities that have a positive, helpful impact on those in need
- b. works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or behind-the-scenes responsibilities.
- c. is consistent and dependable in fulfilling his/her commitments
- d. provides assistance even when it is difficult or inconvenient
- e. volunteers on an ongoing basis rather than just on a single occasion

Have you ever been suspended from school or from athletic/activity participation due to violation of the governing Code of Conduct? **Yes** **No**

If yes, please provide a brief explanation of the event and the date it occurred. Also, explain what you have learned from this experience and how you have changed as a result of it.

I understand that if my application is found to contain false or misleading information that discovery will result in the applicant, if selected, being removed from NHS and having membership revoked.

I further understand that completion of this form does not guarantee membership; I am being considered for membership in the National Honor Society

I understand that the faculty selection data is confidential. Since the selection rating information is a temporary record, it will be destroyed upon completion of the selection process.

I understand that I have already met the academic requirement for membership by achieving a weighted, cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above. In addition to the academic requirements, leadership and service, both in and outside of school, is required for membership as is my ongoing participation in NHS activities. **Service for which I am paid or compensated by TA credit has NOT been used on this application.** Candidates must also demonstrate a high level of integrity. Character, leadership and service are equally weighted during the selection process. Although students who attain high academic achievement are to be commended, I understand that membership is not guaranteed to anyone strictly on the basis of grade point average.

Once the NHS application has been submitted for potential membership, the NHS candidate is fully accountable for his/her character both in and out of school. Any infraction that occurs after the NHS application is submitted must be reported immediately to the NHS advisor(s) **by the applicant**. Infractions include but are not limited to incidents such as violation of the athletic/activity code of conduct, and/or school suspensions. Questionable behavior that requires the involvement of law enforcement agencies will also be investigated and may lead to dismissal from NHS.

I have read and understand the above application and have provided accurate information.

Student Signature (Required): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (Required): _____