



THE PROCESS FOR BECOMING A NHS MEMBER:

NHS was established in 1921, by the National Association of Secondary Principals, to honor American high school students who have shown excellence in scholarship, leadership, service and character during their high school years. Membership in NHS also encourages these students to continue to develop these characteristics and carry them into adulthood. Windsor High School has had a Chapter since 1931. Students are eligible to be selected if they have been in attendance since the beginning of the school year and have a CUMULATIVE GPA of 3.500 (or higher), **after the first semester of their junior year**. Students must meet Honor Roll qualifications as found in Student Handbook. (Honor Roll Students who earn a 3.5 Grade Point Average and have taken six graded classes in the grading period will be listed on the Honor Roll for each semester). All students who fit these characteristics will be given an application. You will also be judged on your service, leadership and character. Each of these four categories can carry a maximum score of 4.

It is sometimes difficult for teachers to know what kind of activities you have performed for both the school and community. You have the opportunity to tell us about those activities on this application. Please fill this out and return it to room A 205. A committee of five teachers will look at the application and give you a score for service from 1 to 4.

A ballot of all students who have turned in an application will be sent out to all teachers at the high school. Teachers are encouraged to only vote for students they know well. Each teacher may give an applicant a score for leadership (from 1 to 4) and character (from 1 to 4). The service score (determined from your application) and your GPA will be added to these scores. The high and low scores will be dropped and the remaining scores will be averaged. You must have an average score of 13.500 or higher to be considered for final selection. You must be voted on by at least 6 teachers to also be considered for final selection.

The list of all students who have this score will be presented to the principal, Mrs. Scallon, and she will make the final determination of selection to NHS. If you do not receive an averaged score of 13.500, or higher, or you are disqualified by the principal, you will be eligible for selection again after the first semester of your senior year.

Selected members should fully understand that they are subject to dismissal if they do not maintain the standards of scholarship, leadership, service, and character that were the basis for their selection. Selection to National Honor Society is an honor, not an entitlement or right.

Neither the National Council of National Honor Society nor the National Association of Secondary Principals will hear appeals for non-selection.

Incoming freshman: Keep a record of your community service hours, what you did, and the contact information of the person who sponsored or oversaw your work. You will want this for the spring semester of your junior year when you receive an application if you have a 3.5 or above gpa. You will also be writing an essay about your experiences volunteering, what you learned, and how you found it meaningful. Keep this in mind as you make your way through your under-classman years.

****40 hours of service is an average amount to receive a higher score, but not a guarantee of entry. Committing to ongoing community service activities is encouraged and has a higher value when scoring applications.**