



National Honor Society

Application Packet



Regarding the Obligations of Membership

Dear Student and Parent/Guardians:

Membership in the National Honor Society (NHS) is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. Our chapter has worked hard to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and the community. Our chapter strives to give practical meaning to the Society's standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These four ideals are considered as the basis for selection. No student is inducted simply because of a high academic average. The National Honor Society strives to recognize the total student—one who excels in all of these areas. The standards required for consideration as a candidate are:

Scholarship: 3.5 cumulative average

Leadership, service, and character: as demonstrated by activities and teacher evaluations

Membership, however, is more than an honor. It is an ongoing responsibility and an obligation to continue to demonstrate those outstanding qualities that result in a student's selection. Membership also carries a responsibility to the chapter. If our NHS chapter is to be effective and meaningful, each member must become involved.

Students will be required to attend monthly or bi-monthly meetings and participate in two yearly service projects. If students drop below a 3.5 for more than two quarters or receive discipline to the extent of a suspension or a permanent mark in the student's record, students may be dismissed from membership. Member dues are \$12 each year of membership, and will be due before the induction ceremony in May (exact date TBD).

We hope you will submit your candidate information form so that the faculty council can evaluate your candidacy. Congratulations on your success thus far.

Sincerely,

Principal

Chapter Adviser

Chapter President



NHS Selection Procedure

Dear Student and Parents/Guardians,

The National Honor Society chapter of Longleaf School of the Arts is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each April.

Students in grades 10 and 11 are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. Each spring those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. Students must have 15 hours of documented community service in order to be considered.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses three forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership. Third, students should submit recommendations from supervisors for extracurricular activities and volunteering, demonstrating, again, service activities, character, and leadership.

Any solicited faculty input and all Candidate Forms are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or nonselection according to a predetermined schedule.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all four criteria that led to their selection.

Students must submit their completed forms by March 15, 2020, or a similar date in subsequent years.

Best,

Hannah Ringler
NHS Faculty Advisor

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NHS Application Checklist

Dear Student,

Below is a checklist, with due dates, to aid you in applying to the Longleaf School of the Arts Chapter of the National Honor Society. As you go through the application process, please refer back to this checklist. If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Ringler at ringler@longleafschool.com

Date due: 03/15/2020

NHS Candidate Information Form

Minimum one (1) letter of recommendation from a former or current teacher

Minimum one (1) letter of recommendation from a supervisor of extracurricular activities, volunteer activities, or work

You will hear back from the selection committee no later than the 30th of April, 2020, regarding selection or nonselection. If you are selected, you will also receive a letter inviting you to an induction ceremony in May. Membership dues must be received prior to attendance at the induction ceremony.

Sincerely,

Hannah Ringler
Chapter Adviser



NHS Candidate Information Form

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Directions: Please complete all sections. Type or print all information and submit it by the published deadline. **Do not be modest.** All information will be used by the faculty council to assist with the fair consideration of your candidacy during the selection process. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection. Should you have questions about this form, please contact Mrs. Ringler at ringler@longleafschool.com.

Student Information

Name Student Number

Grade level Homeroom number/teacher

Leadership Positions

List all elected or appointed leadership positions you have held in school, community, or work activities. Only those positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. Examples: elected officer for the student body, class, or club; committee chairperson; team captain; newspaper editor; work area manager; or other community leader. Please include the name of the adult responsible for supervising your leadership in each position.

Activity	Year				Accomplishments/Adult Sponsor
	9	10	11	12	



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. Generally speaking, service activities are those that are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given. Please ask an adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each activity to sign on the appropriate line, and also list the estimated number of hours you invested while performing this service. Note: to be considered for selection, you must have at least 15 documented service hours.

Activity	Year				Adult Sponsor
	9	10	11	12	

Other Student Activities

List all other school-based activities (*not* noted above) in which you have participated in school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and any significant accomplishments in each.

Activity	Year				Adult Sponsor
	9	10	11	12	



Other Community Activities

List other community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment in each. These should be any activities outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community. For example, religious groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, community art endeavors, etc. Do not repeat participation already listed above. Please include the name of the adult supervisor of each activity.

Activity	Year				Adult Sponsor
	9	10	11	12	

Work Experience, Recognition, and Awards

Though not a specific criterion for membership, please list below any job experiences, honors, or recognition you have received that support your candidacy for membership in the Honor Society. Work experience may be paid or volunteer.

Description & number of hours	Year				Adult Sponsor
	9	10	11	12	





Signatures

I understand that completing this form does not guarantee selection to the Honor Society. I attest that the information presented here is complete and accurate. If selected, I agree to abide by the standards and guidelines of the chapter and to fulfill all of my membership obligations to the best of my ability.

Student Signature:

Date:

I have read the information provided by my son/daughter on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete, and understand that my son/daughter's completion of this form does not guarantee selection to the National Honor Society.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Return completed form to the front desk; please ask the front desk staff to place these forms in Mrs. Ringler's mailbox.

