


National Honor Society



Hudsonville High School

What is NHS?

 Founded in 1921 by Dr. Edward Rynearson

 Recognition program for American high school students who show achievement in scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

*Quote from the NHS
Constitution*

"To create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools."

Why join NHS?

 NHS provides unique opportunities and a responsibility to become more involved in the school and community.

 Colleges and universities do view NHS membership as a positive credential.

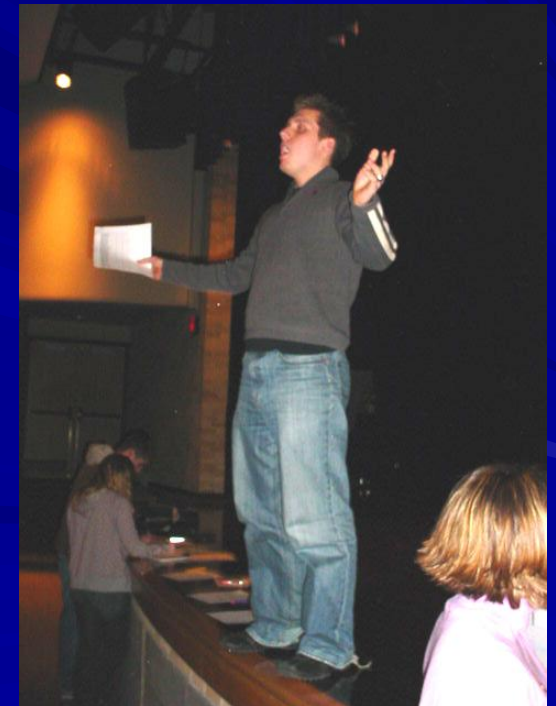
NHS - Meetings




Members must attend monthly meetings.



Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month before AND after school.



Service Hours

 You will be required to complete 20 hours of service each year of membership. A minimum of 10 hours must be fulfilled through opportunities we offer.

 We will provide service hours opportunities at every meeting.



NHS Service Projects

 You will be required to participate at all service projects throughout the year.

 **Fall** – Bee Brave 5K Run/Walk

 **Winter** – Entertainment
Book Sales

 **Spring** – Helping Hands
Food Drive


NHS – Bee Brave 5K Run/Walk


 The 2014 NHS Charity Walk sponsored the Mary Kay Ash Cancer Foundation by participating in their 5K Run/Walk.

 Members raised over \$3200 for the organization.






NHS Applications


 Application forms can be picked up in the high school main office.


 Applications are due **Friday, May 1 by 3pm** to Mrs. Goosen (room 117) or Mrs. Maly (room 119).

Teacher Recommendations







-  Ask **THREE** teachers (at least two must be core) to complete recommendation forms that evaluate you in the areas of character, leadership, and service.
-  Be sure to give the teachers ample time to complete the forms.
-  Teachers will return completed forms to Mrs. Goosen or Mrs. Maly. They do not give the forms to you.

Leadership Role

 List TWO elected or appointed leadership positions you have held in high school, in your community, or at work.

 Briefly describe each role and list the person in charge.

 Examples:

-  Class or club officer
-  Committee chairperson
-  Team captain
-  Newspaper editor
-  Work area manager
-  Community leader

School Activities

 List **THREE** school activities in which you have participated in high school.

 Briefly describe each activity and list the person in charge.

 **Examples:**

 Clubs


 Athletic teams


 Musical groups

 Plays

 Student council

Community Activities

 List **THREE** community activities in which you have participated in high school. These should be from outside of school (may be from before you entered high school).

 Briefly describe each activity and list the person in charge.

 Examples:

 Boy or Girl Scouts

 Volunteer groups

 Church groups

 Coaching (no paid compensation)

 Clubs sponsored outside of school

Honor Recognition

 List ONE honor, recognition or award you have received since entering high school.

 Briefly describe the honor, recognition, or award.

 Examples:









 Honor Roll

 Most improved player

 Most valuable player

 Captain

Essay


-  Choose **ONE** essay.
-  On a separate piece of paper, type a well-developed essay.
 -  Specify the essay you chose as your title.
 -  Typed, **double-spaced**
 -  Times New Roman **OR** Arial (**12-point**) font
 -  300 words or less
 -  **ONE PAGE**
-  Errors in format, spelling, punctuation and grammar will work against you.

Essay #1 - Leadership




Every country has heroes and heroines . They may be political, religious, military, or other leaders, but they all serve as moral leaders by whose examples we can follow in our quest to live lives of excellence. Think about someone you know who shows moral leadership, and explain why this person should be regarded as a moral leader.


Essay #2 - Honor


 Have you witnessed a person who is close to you doing something that you considered seriously wrong? Describe the circumstances, your thoughts, and how you chose to respond. If you discussed it with the person, was his/her justification valid? In retrospect, what, if anything, would you have done differently and why?


NHS Volunteer Shirt

 All NHS members are required to wear an official NHS Volunteer Shirt when providing service to an organization.

 Shirts cost \$10

 If you are not accepted, we will return the money back to you.

 If you are accepted, you will receive your shirt after the Induction Ceremony.

The image shows the front of a black shirt with gold text. On the left, the words "National Honor Society" are written in a cursive font, positioned between two horizontal gold lines. To the right of these lines, the letters "HHS" are printed in a large, bold, serif font.

National Honor Society **HHS**

Front of Shirt

The image shows the back of a black shirt with gold text. At the top center is the National Honor Society logo. Below the logo, the word "VOLUNTEER" is printed in a large, bold, serif font.

VOLUNTEER

Back of Shirt

NHS Executive Board

 All members are eligible to apply for the Executive Board.

 Vice President is for sophomores only. You will automatically become the President your senior year.





 All other positions are one-year terms.

 We will vote for the Executive Board at the September meeting.






Executive Board Expectations

- ❖ Attend both morning AND afternoon meetings.
 - ❖ Think carefully about your school schedule (zero hour) and after school obligations (sports, work, appointments, band, etc.)
- ❖ Attend Exec. Board meetings, once a month
- ❖ President will be a part of the Induction Ceremony. The President will also take attendance of seniors at every meeting.
- ❖ Vice President will help out the President when needed as well as report out at the monthly Board of Education meetings.
- ❖ Secretary will take notes at each meeting and then email the minutes to the entire NHS group.
- ❖ Treasurer will count monies when collected for T-shirt orders and special events. The treasurer will also turn in all collected monies to the administration office.

Criteria for Admission

-  Applications are reviewed and discussed by a faculty committee (five faculty members)
-  This committee decides who will/will not be inducted into The National Honor Society
 -  As advisors, we are liaisons - we do not have any voice in the decision.
-  Just because an applicant meets all of the requirements does not mean that he/she will be chosen for membership; NHS is a privilege not a right.

Dates

-  Applications are due **Friday, May 1** by **3pm** to Mrs. Goosen (room 117) or Mrs. Maly (room 119)
-  Notification letters will be mailed out by Friday, May 29 .
-  If accepted:
 -  Save the Date:
 -  Induction Ceremony –Monday, September 21 at 7pm in the high school auditorium. New members to arrive by 6:15pm for practice.

