

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INFORMATION FOR THE 2019-2020 YEAR



The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than an honor roll, the NHS serves to honor those students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of **scholarship, character, service, and leadership**.

In order to qualify for and remain a member of The National Honor Society, all members must fulfill the following requirements:

SCHOLARSHIP

- Members must have and maintain a **cumulative, unrounded** GPA of 90% or higher.
- Junior and Senior members must have a **cumulative, unrounded** GPA of at least 90% by the end of the third quarter to be inducted as juniors or receive their graduation cords as seniors.

Please Note: Current sophomore students will receive a letter during the summer of 2019 advising them of their scholastic eligibility for membership in the National Honor Society. Sophomores must have a cumulative, unrounded average of 90% or better during 9th and 10th grade in order to be considered for membership.

CHARACTER

All members must obey all civil laws and must abide by the rules set forth in the handbook of Our Lady of Lourdes High School. New members will be required to receive recommendations from five teachers and the deans of discipline in order to be inducted. **These recommendations will all be solicited by Mrs. Cuccia.**

A student of character:

- Consistently exemplifies positive and desirable qualities of behavior
- Cooperates by complying with all school policies and regulations and rules of student conduct
- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Demonstrates the highest standards of **honesty, academic integrity, and reliability**
- Regularly exhibits **courtesy, concern, and respect for others**

SERVICE

All community service must be outside the member's family, for non-profit organizations, and must be voluntary (**no paid services**).

All tutoring must be done under the supervision of a teacher.

Service verifications sheets must be filled out completely and must include a detailed description of the service performed. The authorized supervisor should sign the form legibly to verify the service hours. Parental signatures will not be accepted.

All members must participate in **at least one hour of a mandatory school service project** during the school year. Mandatory school service projects include events such as the blood drive, NHS bake sales, and bottle collection and return. These are always posted on Canvas with a sign-up sheet.

A student who serves:

- Volunteers and provides dependable and well-organized assistance, and is willing to make sacrifices to offer assistance
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult responsibilities
- Enthusiastically performs any service to the school
- Participates in some activities outside of school, for example, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, religious groups, volunteer services for the elderly, poor, or disadvantaged

LEADERSHIP

All members are required to perform at least one leadership project (**a minimum of 5 hours**). Some leadership positions include team captains*, student government officers, and yearbook/ newspaper editors. Other ways in which leadership can be exhibited include positions of responsibility in certain scout and church programs, and in other volunteer work where initiative has been demonstrated.

A student exercises leadership when he/she:

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
- Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals and spirit
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- Is able to delegate responsibilities and demonstrates academic initiative
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibilities; conducts business effectively and efficiently; demonstrates reliability and dependability
- Is a leader in the classroom, at work, or in other school or community activities

*** Please Note: If a team captaincy is used for leadership hours, the captaincy must involve an active role; it cannot be in name only.**

ALL HOURS SUBMITTED FOR TEAM CAPTAIN MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dues:

- All juniors applying for induction and all current senior members of the NHS are required to pay **\$15 in dues**. These dues must be submitted in person to Mrs. Cuccia by **September 20, 2019 at 3 PM** along with the signed contract. Checks should be made out to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Dismissal/Resignation from NHS:

- Inducted juniors and seniors will be reevaluated each year for character and grades. Any member who falls short of the requirements will be informed that he/she must meet with the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council will then decide if dismissal is warranted. The decision will be made on a case by case basis and will be at the discretion of the NHS Faculty Council.
- Any member of the NHS who cannot maintain the requirements detailed above may resign rather than being dismissed. Any member who wishes to resign must do so in a letter signed by the student and his/her parent/guardian. Once a member resigns, he/she may not apply for reinstatement.

SUBMITTING FORMS

In order to be inducted, juniors must complete a combination of **25 leadership and service hours**.

In order to continue NHS membership, seniors must complete a combination of **30 leadership and service hours**.

All forms must be completed and submitted **in person** to Mrs. Cuccia in Room 117 no later than **April 3, 2020 at 3 PM**. When forms are submitted, members must sign a sheet verifying that hours have been completed and submitted. Failure to meet the deadline will result in a review by the Faculty Council and may result in dismissal.

When all forms are submitted, they must be **stapled in the following order**: (1) Student Information Form, (2) leadership form(s), (3) service form(s). These forms can be obtained on the NHS Canvas page and the NHS club page on the school website.