

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL**

APPLICATION PACKET

The packet and typed essay must be turned into the AHS office **by Monday, March 15, 2021 no later than 2:40 p.m.**

NO LATE PACKETS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Membership Criteria

- 3.5 G.P.A. (scholarship)
- Meet service, character, and leadership expectations
- Pass staff review
- Maintain NHS standards

National Honor Society membership requires a student to be outstanding in four areas. You have demonstrated outstanding **scholarship** based on your GPA and will now be evaluated in the areas of **leadership, service, and character**. This will be accomplished in two ways: a faculty council will review your information packet and your essay to determine ways in which you have shown service and leadership, and the full high school staff will evaluate you in the areas of character and leadership prior to making their recommendations.

Please review the following ways you can demonstrate your qualifications in the areas of leadership, service, and character.

Leadership

- Successfully hold school offices or positions of responsibility
- Promote school activities
- Contribute ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- Delegate responsibilities
- **Model positive attitudes**
- Actively participate in classes
- Influence peers in promoting school activities
- Be thoroughly dependable in homework
- Take initiative to work responsibly and reliably
- **Demonstrate leadership in the classroom**, at work, and in school or community activities
- Inspire positive behavior in others

Service

- Volunteer with dependable and well-organized assistance, being gladly available and willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically perform any requested service to the school
- Do committee and staff work without complaint
- Work well with others and be willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous tasks
- Participate in some outside activity: Girl/Boy Scouts, 4-H, church groups, volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged

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- Represent the school in scholastic competitions, sports, band, choir, etc.

Character

- Take criticism well and accept recommendations graciously
- Exemplify desirable qualities of behavior (**cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, and stability**)
- Uphold principles of morality and ethics
- Comply with school regulations concerning property, behavior, attendance, etc.
- Demonstrate high standards of honesty and reliability
- Show courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- Help rid the school of bad influences or environments

As an NHS member you will be asked to volunteer during school activities and model ideal behavior while cheerfully acting as a guide to visitors in our school and mentoring younger students.

Packet Instructions

Please indicate your membership and degree of participation in activities, offices, and honors received on the following page. If you held a leadership position, please put an “L” in the blank. Any inaccuracy in this information may terminate the selection process.

Type an essay responding to the following two questions (juniors, respond to three questions). Essay must be no longer than two (2) pages, double spaced. Develop your essay as completely as possible.

1. What are your reasons for wanting to join the National Honor Society?

2. In what ways do you feel you are qualified for membership in the NHS concerning the areas of Leadership, Service, and Character?

3. ***For juniors only:**

If you were eligible last year and did not apply for membership, why didn't you submit an application, and what is different this year?

If you applied for membership last year, how have you become a stronger candidate?

By signing below I verify that all the information contained in this packet is accurate and that I will (if selected) uphold the bylaws, intent, and purpose of the National Honor Society.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Printed name _____

