

Student Membership FAQ

How do I become a member of National Honor Society?

To become a member of NHS, you must be selected as a candidate by your chapter's faculty council. Students who meet their chapter's cumulative GPA of 3.5 requirement are then considered for membership on the basis of service, leadership and character. You may be asked to complete a candidate form created and distributed by your local chapter. Membership is determined by a majority vote of the faculty council, following an evaluation of candidates' qualifications for membership.

Are homeschooled students eligible for NHS membership?

No. However, students enrolled in schools part-time who meet the requirements for initial review may be eligible for membership, if chapter bylaws permit.

When can I apply?

You can apply when you are a junior or a senior in our dual enroll program. If you are currently a freshman or a sophomore, start getting enrolled in clubs, activities, volunteering along with seeking out leadership roles within those opportunities.

If I'm not selected for NHS membership, can I appeal the decision?

Yes, though only at the local level, through existing chapter procedures. The national office does not hear appeals for student membership decisions. Please keep in mind that NHS membership is a privilege, not a right, and that your school's faculty council has every authority to withhold membership.

Will I be notified if I'm not selected for NHS membership?

Local chapters are strongly encouraged to notify nonselected candidates. Some chapters also provide explanations and counseling, but they are not required to do so.

Could I be dismissed from NHS?

If you don't uphold our expectations, on a semester basis, it is possible.

What is required of me upon acceptance of NHS?

After you turn in your signed acceptance form and your one-time membership fee of twenty dollars, you are expected to uphold the four pillars of our chapter: Leadership, Service, Character, and Scholarship, along with

- (1) maintain a 3.5 unweighted GPA,
- (2) attend one or more NHS community service event(s) per school year,
- (3) have no disciplinary issues, and
- (4) check the *NHS* Canvas page regularly for communication.

Does NHS membership automatically qualify me for an NHS Scholarship?

All senior members in good standing who attend a school that has an active chapter of NHS may apply for the NHS Scholarship. Members must obtain the application procedures from their NHS adviser.

How can I find out about my local chapter’s selection procedure?

All chapters are required to publish their selection procedure in a manner widely accessible to students, parents, and faculty. Click [here](#) to see the process.

I was a member of National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) in middle school. Am I automatically eligible to join NHS?

No. NHS and NJHS are separate entities with different requirements for membership.

If I transfer schools, does my NHS membership transfer with me?

Yes, if you provide a letter from your former principal or chapter adviser confirming your membership—though you must meet your new chapter’s standards within one semester to retain your membership (see [Article VIII of the NHS Constitution](#)).

Can I join NHS via the national office/website?

No. All decisions regarding membership in NHS chapters are handled at the local level.