



National Honor Society Application

Independence High School

National Honor Society is more than just an honor roll. The honor society chapter establishes rules for membership that are based upon student's outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These criteria for selection form the foundation upon which the organization and its activities are built.

- All juniors and seniors who have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or above may apply for admission to the Independence High School National Honor Society
- Admission is not automatic. In addition to having the required GPA, applicants must demonstrate significant accomplishment and/or participation in all areas indicated on the application form. It is necessary to have some accomplishments in each area.
- All activities, accomplishments, etc. included in the application must have taken place during high school. DO NOT include anything that occurred before you were in high school. Doing so could jeopardize your chances for admission.
- Applicants must submit a paper application. Make sure it is neat and legible and all accompanying documents are properly attached. ANY APPLICATION THAT CANNOT BE READ OR IS INCOMPLETE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR REVIEWED FOR MEMBERSHIP. Typed applications are strongly encouraged.
- Application submission deadline is **Thursday, April 2, 2020**

PLEASE NOTE: The Independence High School chapter of the National Honor Society is a service organization. Membership is a highly sought-after honor, but it requires commitment to the ideals of the organization. Your acceptance will indicate your willingness to participate in IHS NHS sponsored activities, service projects and meetings. To maintain membership in the chapter's NHS, you must consistently demonstrate the four pillars of the organization to include maintaining your GPA, fulfilling your service hour requirements and adhering to all chapter and National Honor Society bylaws. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in dismissal from the Independence High School National Honor Society. If your school behavior requires disciplinary action, your membership may be revoked.

Please complete all sections. Submit it by the published deadline. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed for membership. NO APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

Scholarship

NHS membership requires students to demonstrate exceptional commitment to academics. Your eligibility is initially considered based on your cumulative GPA. PLEASE NOTE student GPA will be evaluated at the application submission deadline. If your cumulative GPA is not at least a 3.5 or higher at that time your application will not reviewed.

Leadership

Students leaders are resourceful, problem solvers, promoters of school activities, active contributors and a dependable person who exemplifies positive attitudes about life. Please list your leadership experiences (school and community) since freshman year. If more space is needed, attach additional documentation to the end of the application.

Organization, Group, Athletic Team, or Work Experience <u>AND</u> list school affiliation if necessary	Description of your Leadership Role	Year in School, circle all that apply	Name of Supervisor/Sponsor <u>and</u> Contact (phone or email)
		9, 10, 11	
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Service

NHS membership requires students to serve others. Eligibility requirements for the chapter are 30 service hours of which are a combination of school and community service. List the service activities (these must be different activities than those listed as your Leadership Role activities) in which you have participated. Service activities are done for others; please do not include work done for family members. No compensation (monetary, credit, or other) may be given for this work. Please list the name and contact information of an adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each activity (not a parent or guardian). Record the number of hours spent on each activity. **Please note that Independence NHS chapter membership requires 20 hours of community service each year.**

Name of Organization	Brief Description of Your Volunteer Role	Hours	Year in School, circle all that apply	Name of Supervisor <u>and</u> Contact Information (phone or email)
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-----TOTAL HOURS			-----	-----

Character

Character is not solely based on personality. Students of good character consistently meets their responsibilities, demonstrates the highest standards of moral and ethical integrity, generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle and adheres to all school rules and regulations. In no more than 200 words and no less than 150 words, TYPED, write a personal statement based the following prompt: “Choose a quote that describes your best character trait and explain why you connect with it. Provide a real-world life experience that helps to support your explanation. **This is to be completed only by the applicant.**

Completion of this form does not guarantee membership. Candidates will be admitted to NHS based on evidence of scholarship, service, leadership, and character; and at the discretion of the Faculty Council.

Statement of Integrity *(information below must be handwritten. Input that is typed below WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)*

I, _____ (print your name), acknowledge that all the information written on this application is honest and accurate. I understand that if false information is provided on this application it may result in my immediate and permanent removal from NHS as well as any disciplinary actions deemed necessary by the Faculty Council and our principal.

I further acknowledge that if I am inducted into the Independence High School I will be expected to attend group meetings, maintain my GPA and service hour requirements and participate actively in group service projects.

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

I do hereby give my consent that all written records created, used or maintained by the school in connection with the process of selection of candidates to become members of the Independence High School National Honor Society shall remain confidential. I also verify that I have read my child’s completed application and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete in its presentation. Inaccurate representation of information will lead to automatic disqualification from the National Honor Society selection process

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____