

National Honor Society is now accepting forms for Senior students interested in applying!

The mission of Arrowhead's NHS Chapter is to foster student growth in the NHS pillars: scholarship, service, leadership, & character. Students will use these pillars to build skills and relationships that will ensure success throughout their academic years and beyond.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Seniors who have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA can apply for membership in Arrowhead's Chapter of NHS. NHS recognizes academic excellence in many ways, and NHS is limited to those students who continuously excel in *all* four pillars of NHS: *scholarship, character, leadership, and service*.

HOW TO APPLY: The process for how applicants are evaluated on the National Honor Society pillars is listed below.

- **Scholarship** is the base criterion for NHS, a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5. This is reported on the application.
- **Character & Leadership** are first evaluated on the applicant's application form. On this portion of the application, students are to add leadership roles and positions held (both school and non-school related). Students are asked to briefly describe how their leadership roles demonstrate leadership. Some examples are given on the application but students are encouraged to fill in and explain their leadership examples.
- **Character & Leadership** are also evaluated by **all** Arrowhead teachers and coaches. Applicants will be evaluated by teachers and coaches they've previously had. This information is imperative, as teachers have insight to student leadership and character in the classroom, and coaches have insight to a student's sportsmanship and teamwork. Teachers and coaches are encouraged to comment on applicants (on all aspects of the applicant), and teachers are required to include any academic offenses in class. Teacher evaluation scores can range from 1-4 on student leadership and character. Each applicant will have his/her leadership and character scores averaged in this evaluation process.
 - A student with **leadership**: demonstrates leadership by positively promoting school activities and taking initiative, is able to delegate responsibilities, is thoroughly dependable, successfully holds offices or positions of responsibilities, exemplifies a positive demeanor, and inspires positive behavior in others.
 - A student with **character**: takes criticism willingly; consistently exemplifies maturity, poise, and a positive demeanor; upholds principles of morality and ethics; manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules; and shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others.
- **Service** is based on the information the applicant provides on the application in terms of school and non-school activities. Applicants do not necessarily need a plethora of activities, as activities participated in for more than a year can receive multiple points.
 - *Service* is defined as activities in and out of school where actions undertaken by the student are on behalf of others *without* financial compensation.

SCORING: The National Honor Society Faculty Council (comprised of staff members) objectively evaluates applications, in order to be inducted and gain membership into NHS. Applicants must have significant involvement in school activities, show growth in leadership, and be dedicated to helping others, as these are integral aspects of being a member in NHS. Scores are also taken from the teacher evaluations on leadership and character. For more information on scoring, [please click here](#). Please be aware the Faculty Council make the final decisions regarding NHS selection; *the NHS adviser is not a part of the decision making process.*

WHEN: Applications are available on **Monday, October 26th**, and must be completed and returned to Mrs. Hopkins' mailbox (north campus) or the NHS mailbox (north campus) by **Monday, November 9th, 2020 at 2:45 pm (this is a hard deadline)**.

- The application can be found in the attachment of this email or [at this link](#): Applicants can be handwritten or typed. A hard copy must be submitted. Electronic copies will not be accepted.
- Parents should not fill out the form for their child – the applicant himself/herself must take the ownership and leadership to fill out the form. Parents are required to look over their son's/daughter's application before signing.

When students are inducted into NHS, NHS members are required to regularly attend meetings and participate in NHS service throughout the school year. ****Please note all members selected must attend the induction ceremony on a TBD date in April at North Campus auditorium****

If you have any questions, please email Stephanie Hopkins at hopkins@arrowheaschools.org.