

SUMMIT ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER SELECTION PROCESS INFORMATION



All students who wish to join Summit Academy High School's Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) must meet certain eligibility requirements and undergo a thorough selection process.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Candidates must be a student of Summit Academy High School for the equivalent of one semester (two consecutive quarters). Special consideration will be made for children of military parents who are required to move with their families.
2. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding performance in all of the following areas: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.
3. Candidates must be a member of the sophomore or junior class at Summit Academy High School.

STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE

All members of the must demonstrate outstanding performance in the following areas:

Scholarship

Requirements for admission:

1. Minimum cumulative GPA 3.5 or higher.
2. A failing grade does not automatically disqualify a student from membership in the NHS unless the failing grade results in the cumulative GPA falling below the required standard listed above.
3. A student does not need to be in an honor level class to qualify for NHS membership.

Requirements to maintain membership:

1. Maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

Leadership

Requirements for admission:

1. Students will be asked to give examples of ways they have demonstrated leadership in their own lives. The following are possible ideas of leadership:
 - Resourceful in proposing solutions to new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions.
 - Demonstrates initiative in promoting school or community activities.
 - Exercises influence on peers in upholding positive school or community ideals.
 - Contributes ideas that improve the civil life of the school or the community.
 - Able to delegate responsibilities.
 - Exemplifies positive attitudes, and inspires positive behavior in others.
 - Demonstrates academic initiative.
 - Successfully holds school or community positions of responsibility.
 - Is a forerunner in the classroom, at work, and in school or community activities.
 - Thoroughly dependable in any responsibility.

Requirements to maintain membership:

1. Once accepted into the NHS, students must continue to show excellence in leadership.

Service

Requirements for admission:

1. Students must be already actively involved in activities to serve the community in which they live.
2. During the selection process, students are required to give examples of past and present service in the community and at home.

Requirements to maintain membership:

1. Students will provide 20 hours (Equivalent of 10 hours per quarter) of community service each semester. Each member must submit a plan for service at the beginning of each quarter to the Faculty Council for approval.
2. Students must participate in a minimum of five hours of community service during their summer vacation. Each member must submit a plan for service by May 25, 2012 to the Faculty Council for approval.
3. Each member must complete and turn in a "Service Activity Summary" form at the end of each semester for review by Faculty Council.
4. Each member will turn in an essay at the end of each school year discussing his/her service activities.

5. NHS will sponsor a community service project each semester. Attendance is mandatory. In the event of an emergency, students must arrange a meeting with a member of the Faculty Council to discuss his/her options.

Character

Requirements for admission:

1. Take criticism willingly and accept recommendations gracefully.
2. Exemplify qualities of good behavior.
3. Cooperate by following school rules and regulations
4. Demonstrate a high standard of honesty and reliability.
5. Manifest truthfulness in obeying school rules; avoid cheating, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.
6. During the selection process, each candidate must inform the Faculty Council of any Office Discipline Referrals or any type of suspension while at Summit Academy High School.
7. No suspensions (in-school or out-of-school) or no more than three office referrals within the past calendar year.

Requirements to maintain membership:

1. The following violations of character are grounds for dismissal from NHS:
 - Violation of any of the standards of excellence
 - Truant in any school class
 - Engaging in conduct unbecoming a member of NHS (bullying, lying, stealing, fighting, illegal activities, etc.)
 - Plagiarism or other forms of cheating
 - Attendance of in-school or out-of-school suspension
 - Three or more office discipline referrals (ODRs) within the same school year.

SELECTION PROCESS

Students who would like to be considered as a member of the Summit Academy High School Chapter of the NHS must undergo the following selection process:

- a. Potential candidates will receive an invitation to participate in the selection process. If a student does not receive an invitation, but feels that he or she is a potential candidate, please see the Faculty Adviser.
- b. Fill out a "Student Activity Form." Available online August 23, at registration, and the Front Office.

- c. Acquire recommendations from a teacher and another adult. Forms are available online August 23, at registration, and the Front Office.
- d. Participate in an interview with members of the Faculty Council.

ACTIVITIES

1. All activities will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. They will be after school for approximately 45 minutes to one hour.
2. Members must attend 80% of all activities.
3. The first activity will be an induction ceremony on September 21, 2011. This will take place in the evening activity. Time and Location TBD.
4. Planning meetings will be held occasionally throughout the school year for chapter leaders and committee members.

CHAPTER SERVICE PROJECTS

1. The Summit Academy Chapter of NHS will be sponsoring one service project per semester. These projects will take the place of one monthly activity per semester. The months of the projects will be determined by chapter members.
2. Participation at Chapter Service Projects is mandatory. All members will be given fair notice about the dates so they can make arrangements to avoid a conflict with their other commitments.

CHAPTER DUES

1. Chapter dues are \$20 each school year, and must be paid within thirty days of induction.
2. Students will not be denied membership in the Summit Academy High School Chapter of NHS for their inability to pay dues. Speak with the Faculty Adviser for more information.

For questions about the selection process, contact Victoria Scott, Faculty Adviser, by telephone (801) 495-3272 or email vscott@sahs1.org.

If you would like more information regarding the National Honor Society, visit the national website at <http://www.nhs.us>.

