

National Honor Society Candidate Information Packet



NHS Cover Sheet

Candidate's Name: _____

Please check each box as a reminder prior to submitting your package. Incomplete packets will not be considered:

- Print off packet and complete all required information and neatly staple it together in correct order: (Cover Sheet, Commitment Contract, Candidate Information Pages, and Official Transcript.
- Email a Free State faculty member, ask them if they are willing to evaluate you and your suitability to be an NHS member. Provide the teacher with the following link to the online evaluation. It is your responsibility to ensure that the faculty member receives the code and turns-in your evaluation prior to the 3:30pm deadline on 2/19.
Link: <https://forms.gle/8ba8Bxen4F7Arzmk7>
- To print transcript, go to parchment.com, create an account (do NOT use your school email address). Your "Leave date" is the year your student group is due to graduate. Highlight your GPA and attach to the back of your candidate packet. The transcript must be printed AFTER February 10th so that your first semester grades are represented.
- Application must be submitted by 3:30pm, on Friday, February 19th, 2021. You are welcome and encouraged to **turn-in the packet BEFORE the due date.**
- Failure to submit the necessary information by the deadline or to pay dues by 3:30pm on April 29th (once student is accepted), will result in disqualification for the upcoming school year.

If accepted for membership in National Honor Society, I agree to the following:

1. I will participate in all quarterly NHS meetings and activities.
2. I will remain current in my community service requirements (34 hrs.) during each year of my membership.
3. I will give a current, PERSONAL email address to the NHS officers and check for notifications.
4. I will not allow my grade point average to fall below a cumulative 3.5 any semester.
5. I will abide by the law and all school rules and will not participate in pranks (ex.) head shaving, hazing, or bullying whether on social media, on campus, or off campus and demonstrate respect to classmates, school personnel, and the community.
6. I will pay dues on-time and I will attend Induction Ceremony in the fall of 2021.
7. I affirm that I, not my parents or teachers, am responsible for remembering due dates, volunteer details, and obtaining information about NHS workings from the Officers and Adviser.
8. I understand that failure in any of the above areas is grounds for removal from NHS.

Candidate Signature & Parent/Guardian Signature.

I certify that the information provided on this Candidate Package is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that any inaccurate or misleading information will jeopardize my membership privilege. As the National Honor Society recognizes and nurtures student leadership, I agree that I, not my parents, am responsible for obtaining information about NHS rules and meetings, organizing volunteer opportunities, and submitting volunteer hours to officers. I further certify that I will, if accepted, abide by the rules and support the goals and mission of the FSHS National Honor Society.

Candidate Signature

We have reviewed the Candidate Package and the attached cover letter. We are aware of the requirements for consideration and recognize that failure to comply with these standards may disqualify this candidate. We have reviewed the attached selection criteria. We also understand that students selected for the National Honor Society must attend meetings and functions, as scheduled. We recognize that students will be required to perform community service hours, turn-in dues on-time, uphold leadership positions, and maintain a high standard of character; we understand that failure to do so may result in removal from the NHS. As NHS is a student-led organization encouraging student leadership, we recognize that parent involvement should be minimal and that the student is responsible for obtaining information, interacting with the officers, and managing their grades, volunteer hours, and behavior.

Student Name	Student Signature	Date
Parent Name	Parent Signature	Date

COMMITMENT CONTRACT



I understand that if my application is found to contain false or misleading information it will result, if still a candidate, in being removed from consideration as a candidate, and if selected, having my membership revoked and being removed from the National Honor Society. I further understand that completion of this form does not guarantee membership.

I affirm that the faculty selection data is confidential. As the selection rating information is a temporary record, it will be destroyed upon completion of the selection process.

I understand that I have already met the academic requirement for membership. In addition to the academic requirements, leadership and service, both inside and outside of school, is required for membership. Candidates must also demonstrate a high level of integrity. Character, leadership, service, and citizenship are equally weighted during the selection process. Although students who attain high academic achievements are commended, I understand that membership is not guaranteed to anyone strictly on the basis of grade point average.

Members are expected to adhere to the law and all school policies or risk permanent dismissal from the NHS. Violation of Free State High School Policy requiring disciplinary action at the school level will result in an automatic suspension from the local chapter for 12 months. Candidates must not have been subject to any such discipline at any time in the 12 months preceding consideration for NHS membership in order to be accepted into the NHS. Students should also demonstrate respect for others in their interactions on social media both inside and outside of school.

Once the National Honor Society package has been submitted for potential membership, the National Honor Society candidate remains fully accountable for his/her actions both in and out of school. Any infraction that occurs after the National Honor Society package has been submitted must be reported by the candidate immediately to the National Honor Society Adviser. It is my responsibility to maintain and monitor my GPA and if it falls below a 3.5 after semester grades are posted, I must contact the NHS adviser with a plan for improvement. I understand that as a senior, my GPA will be checked after the fall semester to determine whether I will graduate, with honors, in May.

I have read and I understand the above Candidate Package and have provided accurate information. I understand that after submission of my completed package, I am holding myself to a code of conduct that exemplifies the standards of the National Honor Society. If, for any reason, I fail to uphold those standards, consideration for membership will be withdrawn, or membership revoked.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

NHS Candidate Information Form

Directions: Please complete all sections. Type or print all information and submit it by the published deadline. **Do not be modest.** All information will be used by the faculty council to assist with the fair consideration of your candidacy during the selection process. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection. Any section that is left blank without subsequent explanation will be considered invalid. Should you have questions about this form, please contact Mrs. Romero at eromero@usd497.org.

I. **Candidate Information** (Please type or print):

Name

Student Number Grade Level

Address: Street City State Zip Code

Most NHS communication of meetings dates and volunteer opportunities will occur via email. List a personal email address below that you WILL diligently check (beginning this spring). Please write neatly and clearly.

Email address: _____

Personal Cell Phone: _____ Is texting permitted? Yes/No

II. **Extra-Curricular Activities:** List all activities in which you have participated during high school. (Example: clubs, teams, musical groups.)

Activity	Year				Accomplishments/Adult Sponsor
	9	10	11	12	
Comments: If the above section is left blank, please explain why.					

III. Leadership Positions

List all elected or appointed leadership positions you have held in school, community, or work activities. Only those positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others should be included.

(Examples: elected officer for the student body, class, or club; committee chairperson; team captain; newspaper editor; work area manager; or other community leader.) Please include the name of the adult responsible for supervising your leadership in each position.

Activity	Year				Accomplishments/Adult Sponsor
	9	10	11	12	
Comments: If the above section is left blank, please explain why.					

IV. Community Activities

List other community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment in each.

These should be any activities *outside* of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community. For example, religious groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, community art endeavors, etc. Do not repeat participation already listed above. Please include the name of the adult supervisor of each activity.

Activity	Year				Adult Sponsor & Phone Number
	9	10	11	12	
Comments: If the above section is left blank, please explain why. Please explain how many hours you contributed to each activity.					

V. Work Experience, Recognition, and Awards

Though not a specific criterion for membership, please list below any job experiences, honors, or recognition you have received that support your candidacy for membership in the Honor Society. Work experience may be paid or volunteer.

Position or Award	Year				Sponsor/Organization & Phone Number
	9	10	11	12	
Comments: If the above section is left blank, please explain why.					

VI. Faculty Recommendation Form: Ask a teacher to fill-out a recommendation form for you. Your application will be considered incomplete if a teacher does not complete a recommendation for you. Many emails sent to teachers go to spam so it is your responsibility to contact the teacher and make sure they have both received and submitted the form on your behalf and before the 3:30pm deadline on February 19th.

Link: <https://forms.gle/8ba8Bxen4F7Arzmk7>.

VII. Transcript: An official student transcript must be attached to the back of the packet. Please highlight your GPA. Steps to obtain the transcript are below:

- Go to www.parchment.com. Click Sign-up and follow the on-screen instructions.
- Do not print a transcript until your first semester grades (2020) are finalized and posted on the transcript.
- Use an email account that you will have access to for years to come (not your school email).
- Keep your username, email, and password in a safe place so that you can access the site at a later date.
- If asked, your “leave date” is the YEAR that your student cohort or group is scheduled to graduate.
- Allow 48 hours for the school to review and email you a copy of your transcript. It’s okay if it says, “Not an official transcript” at the top.
- Print transcript, highlight your weighted and non-weighted GPA. At least one of them should be a 3.5 or higher.
- Attach as the back page of your information packet.
- Turn-in packet to Attendance Office **no later than 3:30pm Friday, February 19th**. Packets turned-in before this date are welcomed. Double-check with your faculty evaluator to make sure they have completed and submitted your evaluation.

Signatures

I understand that completing this form does not guarantee selection to the Honor Society. I attest that the information presented here is complete and accurate. If selected, I agree to abide by the standards and guidelines of the chapter and to fulfill all of my membership obligations to the best of my ability.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I have read the information provided by my son/daughter on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Return completed form to the Attendance Office by 3:30pm on Friday, February 19, 2021.