



Shorewood High School
National Honor Society
Application for Membership
2021-2022 School Year

The mission of the National Honor Society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. The Shorewood High School chapter is large and active, and represents an elite group of students who have demonstrated outstanding academic performance and upheld a commitment to the values of the national organization. Membership in the National Honor Society requires the following:

- Maintaining a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade point average
- Performing community service each school year as outlined by the requirements that year
- Performing tutoring each school year as outlined by the requirements that year
- Attending at least 2 Shorewood Honor Society meetings per year;
- Abiding by the Shorewood High School ASB Honor Code;
- Participating in at least 1 chapter service project or activity per year;
- Setting a positive example for other students through demonstrating outstanding...
 - Scholarship
 - Character
 - Leadership
 - Service
- Paying annual dues to support the goals and activities of the organization.
 - Dues are \$15.00 and will be collected during the first quarter of your membership during the 2020-2021 school year. In cases of financial hardship, scholarships are available to pay student dues.

If you meet the grade requirements outlined above, and are willing to make the commitment to the integrity and values of the National Honor Society, please complete the application below and e-mail it to Mr. Eklund as signed PDF no later than **Friday, April 22nd 2022 at 3:00 p.m.** Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Complete applications must include:

- This application form, filled out in its entirety, inclusive of student, teacher and family signatures.
- A 200-word application essay (explained on page 3).
- Verification of community service and tutoring hours (explained on page 3).

Name:

Year of Graduation:

Cumulative G.P.A.:

SAS Room # _____ Teacher _____

Email:

Please note: All NHS correspondence is conducted via email, so it is essential that you provide a valid email address and check it regularly for important NHS information.

Home phone:

Home Mailing Address:

Please list your extracurricular activities and your dates of participation. Include sports, clubs, employment, community involvement, etc.

Please acquire the signatures of two Shorewood teachers that attest to your commitment to the values of the National Honor Society. At least one of these teachers must teach a core academic subject.

Teacher Recommendation #1

Teacher name:

Course/courses you have taken from him/her:

To the best of my knowledge, this student has high standards of scholarship, leadership, character and service. I therefore recommend this student for membership in the National Honor Society.

Teacher Signature:

Date:

Teacher Recommendation #2

Teacher name:

Course/courses you have taken from him/her:

To the best of my knowledge, this student has high standards of scholarship, leadership, character and service. I therefore recommend this student for membership in the National Honor Society.

Teacher Signature:

Date:

Tutoring and Community Service Hour Application Requirement

Applying to the National Honor Society requires completing 1 hours of tutoring and/or community service. These tutoring and service hours must be completed during the 2021-2022 school year, and must meet the guidelines below:

- **Community Service hours:**

All **community service** hours must be completed during the school year, outside of school hours, at a non-profit organization. You cannot receive payment or academic credit for your service and it cannot fulfill any court mandated service hours. Hours must be supervised by an adult that is officially involved with the organization you are volunteering for (parents do not have the authority to verify hours) and must be beyond any work required for participation in an activity. For example, playing a sport is not community service, but mowing the field is. Acting in a play is not community service, but volunteering to build sets at a work party is. To abide by local and national guidelines that separate church and state, you will not receive community service credit for any activity that relates to worship or teaching faith, such as being an acolyte, teaching Sunday School, participating in a religious service, etc. However, you *can* receive service credit for faith related activities that do not involve worship or teaching faith, such as cleaning pews, preparing or serving food at a community dinner sponsored by your religious institution, pulling weeds in your faith center's garden, etc.

Note: There will be a list of potential online community service opportunities posted on the NHS Canvas page but depending on the time of year they might not need new volunteers.

- **Tutoring hours:**

- **Appropriate when the school is in a Hybrid or On Campus:** Traditional Tutoring: Must be completed in a public place where an adult can monitor and support your progress. Examples of appropriate tutoring venues include established study clubs at Shoreline elementary or middle schools (1 hour = 1 hour). You may tutor at lunch (2 lunches = 1 hour) however lunch tutoring must be done in a classroom where a teacher is willing to verify your work. ***You may not tutor another NHS member and your tutee must be enrolled in a class you have entirely completed.*** Librarians at the Shorewood library or the local public libraries (such as the Richmond Beach or Shoreline libraries) can verify your presence, but cannot sign off on tutoring hours.
- **Appropriate when the school is in a Remote Environment:** All of the previously stated restrictions apply. That being said if a student finds another non-NHS student to tutor and if a Shoreline Schools teacher or staff member is willing to validate their hours they can complete their hour remotely tutoring instead.

To fulfill the tutoring and community service requirement for this application, perform and document your hours on a Shorewood Community Service Form 2021-2022 Form. Complete the form, get the required signatures, and staple it to this application.

Application Essay

Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service are the four pillars of the National Honor Society. Choose 3 of these ideals, and write a paragraph explaining how your academics and extracurricular activities demonstrate that you can positively represent them. You can choose to write an essay or 3 independent paragraphs. Your essay must be typed and cannot exceed one page. Send your essay as a PDF along with this application **This is a very important part of the application. Applicants who have completed all other forms may be turned away due to incomplete or subpar essays.**



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Statement of Understanding

If I am accepted into the Shorewood High School chapter of the National Honor Society, I understand that my membership in this elite organization is a privilege, not a right, and that my membership is contingent on upholding the commitments I am making in this application.

I understand that my membership will be contingent on my maintaining and demonstrating high standards of Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service and abiding by the Shorewood ASB Honor Code. I understand that receiving any disciplinary action in school will subject my membership to review, and that violating the Shoreline School District's Guidelines for Academic Honesty will result in my immediate and permanent expulsion from Honor Society. I further understand that my commitment to Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service extends beyond the Shorewood school day, and into curricular, extra-curricular, and non-school related activities. Participating in any activity at any time (whether on or off campus) that is illegal, against the Shorewood Honor Code, or is otherwise contradictory to the values of the National Honor Society will result in dismissal from the club, and render me permanently ineligible for future membership.

I understand that I must maintain a minimum, cumulative grade point average of 3.5, and that failure to do so will place me on academic probation for one semester. I acknowledge that if, within one semester's time, I do not raise my cumulative average to at least a 3.5, I will be dismissed from Honor Society and rendered ineligible for future membership at Shorewood.

I understand that I must attend at least 2 Shorewood Honor Society meetings per year, and that failing to do so will permanently terminate my membership. I also understand that I am committing to performing tutoring and community service that no probation is available for not completing these hours on time. I also agree to participate in at least one chapter service activity per year with the understanding that no probation is available for not completing this requirement on time. I also agree that NHS serves the school and not the other way around. Thus I agree not to do all of my community service and tutoring hours in the last two weeks before they are due as I need to be available to support the community through the whole year and if I continue this behavior for two semesters in a row I will be put on probation.

In exchange for my commitments, I will receive membership in an established, national organization credited for improving civic engagement and raising the academic achievement of high school students across the country. I will become eligible for scholarships only available to Honor Society members and receive recognition for my hard work. I understand that if I sustain my membership through my senior year, I will receive an Honor Cord - a nationally recognized symbol of outstanding academic performance and commitment to community service - to wear at my graduation ceremony.

Student signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian signature:

Date:

Honor Society Application Checklist

Congratulations for applying to the Shorewood Chapter of the National Honor Society! To make sure your application receives the attention it deserves, make sure it is complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Completed applications include:

_____ All applicant information

_____ Teacher signatures

_____ Your signature on the application Statement of Understanding

_____ A Parent/Guardian signature on the application Statement of Understanding

_____ A completed Shorewood Community Service Form 2021-2022 with 2 hours of tutoring and 4 hours of community service recorded.

_____ A typed application essay, stapled to your application. (200 word min.)

Applications must be turned into Mr. Eklund as a signed PDF through his e-mail alexander.eklund@shorelineschools.org no later than Friday, April 22nd 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Remember: If you are accepted, there will be a brief informational meeting introducing you to the program on May 25th 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Further information will be sent out to individuals who are accepted into NHS. This is extremely important in understanding how NHS works. Good luck! We can't wait to welcome you into NHS!