



FISHERS HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SELECTION CRITERIA

Membership in the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. The NHS has worked to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers and community. Chapters in more than 22,000 high schools across the nation strive to give practical meaning to the Society's goals of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

The student must meet the following criteria to apply for membership:

- Must have an official 3.33GPA at the end of first semester their sophomore or junior year to be invited for membership
- Complete all parts of the application and turn in by the deadline
- Must have no documented violations of dishonesty with the Dean's office
- Must obtain a total of 23 points out of 30 from the application criteria rubric
- Provide evidence of membership in at least 3 extra curricular organizations.
- **Document at least ten hours of community and/or school service.**

SELECTION PROCESS

SCHOLARSHIP

Sophomores and juniors who have been students at Fishers High School for at least one semester and have a grade point average of 3.33 or better will be notified by letter of their eligibility for candidacy to the Fishers High School chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS). All eligible candidates will be given the opportunity to apply for membership, but eligibility does not guarantee acceptance. This is an honor bestowed upon candidates who show outstanding character, service to the Fishers community and leadership as determined by the NHS faculty council.

CHARACTER

Students who demonstrate good character by upholding morality, ethics, and honesty while showing courtesy and concern for other individuals will receive the maximum of 10 points in this category. **A signature from the Dean's office must be obtained** to verify that the candidate has no recorded incidents of cheating or intentional dishonesty.

Each candidate will be asked to provide SIX references. Each reference will complete a recommendation form. These individuals should have knowledge of your character and be able to rate you in areas of character on a 1 to 3 scale. Candidates must have a total score of 135 from all six recommendations to be considered. Recommendations must come from either SIX FHS staff members OR up to TWO people outside Fishers High School may be substituted for Fishers faculty.

LEADERSHIP

The candidate who exercises leadership:

- Is resourceful in solving new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
- Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- Is able to delegate responsibilities
- Exemplifies positive attitudes and inspires positive behavior on others
- Demonstrate academic initiative.

Each candidate will be asked to provide evidence of involvement in at least THREE organizations, TWO of these must be within the FHS community. Candidates must document leadership abilities and earn a minimum of 3 points using the leadership section of the criteria rubric found at the end of the application. Special note: Membership in honor societies cannot be used as an activity. There are separate sections in the application for leadership roles in organizations and membership of organizations. It is not necessary to enter membership in an organization if already listed in the leadership role. Candidates must obtain the signature of an adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each activity, as well as a phone number for that person. If you can not provide a local phone number, an e-mail address will be acceptable. **Parent signatures will not be accepted.**

SERVICE

The candidate who serves:

- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude
- Participates in some outside activity: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts; church groups; volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged
- Volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition
- Does committee and staff work without complaint
- Show courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

Candidates must document 10 hours of community service within the Fishers community from the beginning of their freshman year to the time of application to NHS. A service activity is one that is carried out for the betterment of Fishers High School or community. No monetary or other compensation should have been accepted for this. Sustained service is looked on more favorably than one-time activities. Please note that the faculty selection committee considers service to Fishers High School as a vital component for meeting the qualification of acceptance into NHS. Examples may include but are not limited to: Tutoring, club service involvement, work with church groups, Boy or Girl Scouts, or community arts endeavors. Candidates must obtain the signature of an adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each service activity, as well as a phone number for that person. If you can not provide a local phone number, an e-mail address will be acceptable. **Parent signatures will NOT be accepted.**

ACCEPTED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Once accepted into the Fishers High School chapter of National Honor Society each member shall be required to maintain the GPA of 3.33 or higher. If the member's GPA falls below this standard, the member shall be placed on probation for the grading period. If, at the end of the grading period, the individual has not given evidence of the requirements, the individual will be subject to dismissal. Members must also maintain the code of ethics, which is the cornerstone of their acceptance. Members will be dismissed or candidates denied membership if they are found to have violated the FHS academic integrity code, consistently broken school rules, been involved with controlled substances or been involved in civil offenses. Members who miss two meetings will be placed on probation. Upon the third missed meeting, members will face dismissal. Members are required to participate in all NHS activities. Failure to do so will result in probation and increased duties in other areas or face dismissal.

STUDENT ID NUMBER _____

GRADUATION YEAR: _____

NAME _____ HOME PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____
(including zip code)

NHS Student Activity Information

Directions: Please complete all sections. **Do not be modest.** Every bit of information **will be used** by the Advisory Council to assist with the selection process. Answers should be thorough and thoughtful because the quality of your response is considered in the scoring process. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION.** Your completed application is due to Ms. Libby Thomas (Room A214) by **March 29th.** Applications turned in after that date will not be considered for selection.

Leadership

You must have a minimum of 3 leadership positions AND/OR membership of extra-curricular activities. List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in the school, community or work activities in the **FIRST** table. Only include those positions in which you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others. Examples may include but are not limited to: elected student council officer, class or club officer, committee chair person, team captain, newspaper editor, or community leader. In the **SECOND** table list extracurricular activities or organizations in which you participated as a member only. Please obtain the signature of an adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each activity, as well as a phone number for that person. If you can not provide a local phone number, an e-mail address will be acceptable.

Leadership Position	9	10	11	Accomplishments	Sponsor and Phone No.	Sponsor's Signature

STUDENT ID NUMBER _____

GRADUATION YEAR: _____

You do not **have** to have been active in sports or be employed in order to be accepted into NHS, however we understand the amount of time and dedication that a sport or work requires. This section is here simply to give the committee a sense of your time commitments.

Fishers High School Sports/Work Activity	9	10	11	Hours per week during season or employment	Sponsor and Phone No.	Sponsor's Signature

STUDENT ID NUMBER _____

GRADUATION YEAR: _____

Character

A prospective member of NHS must have no recorded incidents of cheating or intentional dishonesty. To ensure that your behavior at Fishers High School has been exemplary, you must have the Dean of Students sign this form. Any application missing the signature of the Dean will be automatically dismissed.

To the best of my knowledge _____, has never had a discipline referral for cheating or intentional dishonesty at Fishers High School.
(Student's name printed)

If the above mentioned student has received a discipline referral, please specify:

Dean of Students Signature

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

- 1) I will participate in all of the scheduled meetings.
- 2) I will participate in all National Honor Society service projects.
- 3) I will accumulate 5 hours of community service per semester.
- 4) I will provide 4 hours of tutoring services per semester.
- 5) I will not let my grade point average dip below a cumulative 3.33 on the 4.0 scale.
- 6) I will abide by all school rules, local, state, and federal laws.
- 7) I understand that failure in any of the above areas is grounds for removal from National Honor Society.

Applicant Signature

I understand that completing this application does not guarantee selection to the National Honor Society. I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that any inaccurate or misleading information will jeopardize my membership privilege. I further certify that I will, if selected, abide by the rules and support the goals of the National Honor Society.

PRINT name as you wish it to appear on your membership certificate (if selected)

Student's Signature

Date

PARENT Signature

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

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

FISHERS HIGH SCHOOL - TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student: Six recommendation forms, each from different teachers need to be submitted for you. Coaches and Club sponsors may be substituted for two of the teachers. The forms will be turned in directly to Ms. Libby Thomas, Fishers High School, 13000 Promise Road, Fishers, IN 46038

Teacher: The student indicated below is applying for membership to the NHS. Please complete this form concerning the character and citizenship of the student and return it directly to Ms. Thomas (Room A214) no later than March 29. Your candor regarding this student is greatly appreciated.

I. **Administrative information** (to be filled out by the student)

Student name _____ Teacher name (printed) _____
Teacher signature _____

II. **Citizenship** (to be filled out by the recommending teacher) The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.

Teachers: Please check one box for each criterion in reference to the student listed. Do not check between boxes (there are no half scores). Boxes left blank will score a "0".	0 (never or not observed)	1 (sometimes)	2 (often)	3 (always)	(Circle one choice and please add a small comment concerning the student)
Demonstrates honesty					Highly recommended
Demonstrates integrity					
Displays mature behavior					Recommend
Respects others					
Is reliable and dependable					Recommend with reservations
Is accountable for own choices					
Works well with others					Do not recommend
Promotes positive classroom behavior					
Complies with school regulations					
Is punctual					

Based on your observations of this student both in and outside your classroom, would you recommend membership be granted into the Fishers Chapter of the National Honor Society? _____

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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX! – FOR ADVISORY COUNCIL USE ONLY**FHS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE RUBRIC****CHARACTER****CHARACTER SCORE** _____

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS TOTAL SCORE

POINTS

1. _____	162-180	10
2. _____	144-161	9
3. _____	135-143	8
4. _____	126-134	7
5. _____	117-125	6
6. _____	106-116	5

_____ TOTAL POINTS OUT OF 180

STUDENTS MUST HAVE A TOTAL OF 135 POINTS TO BE ACCEPTED.**SERVICE****SERVICE SCORE** _____

- A. Ten hours of community/school service documented 10 pts _____
(REQUIRED – must have 10 hours to be accepted)

LEADERSHIP**LEADERSHIP SCORE** _____

- A. Held an elected or appointed school or community office. 1-4 pts _____
 B. Active participation in extracurricular activities 1-6 pts _____
(must have a minimum score of 3 to be accepted)

TOTAL SCORE**TOTAL SCORE** _____

A STUDENT MUST ACCUMULATE AT LEAST 77% OF THE TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE (OR 23 POINTS OUT OF 30) IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR MEMBERSHIP.