

A GUIDELINE FOR ADMISSION TO THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AT JAMES B. CONANT HIGH SCHOOL

The National Honor Society promotes appropriate recognition of students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of **SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, CHARACTER AND SERVICE**.

The following are the minimum requirements necessary for an individual to be considered for admission to the National Honor Society. (Established by the National Honor Society Handbook, 15th Edition; Township High School District 211 Board of Education; and the Conant High School NHS Faculty Selection Committee)

RESIDENCY

1. Candidates must have been in attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester. Recommendations from the previous school could lead to a waiver of semester requirements.

SCHOLARSHIP

2. Candidates must have a cumulative unweighted scholastic average of at least a 3.0. NOTE: a 2.999 does NOT qualify. An individual's grade point average must be a 3.0 without mathematical rounding.

LEADERSHIP

3. Candidates must have illustrated the ability to assume and carry out leadership roles in the school and/or community. The Faculty Selection Committee considers the following:

The Candidate:

- Is a leader in the classroom, at work, in clubs and activities, and in the community;
- exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals and rules;
- exemplifies a positive attitude;
- inspires positive behavior in others;
- successfully holds and carries out school offices or positions of responsibility;
- conducts him/herself in a manner that is indicative of a good citizen; and
- does not compromise personal commitment to scholarship, leadership and school loyalty.

SERVICE

4. Service is defined as those actions undertaken to benefit others without any direct financial, material, or personal compensation, gain or position. It is something you do above/beyond the normal requirements for an activity/athletic/club/group. Just belonging to an organization isn't volunteering service. Also, many athletics/activities/clubs have service opportunities already built in. If you are involved in a class, such as Choir, that has a concert requirement for a grade, this is not service.

The student who serves:

- works well with others and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance;
- shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers and students;
- participates in activities outside the school in volunteer activities; and
- volunteers and provides service that is dependable and of high quality.

CHARACTER

5. Candidates must be able to demonstrate an outstanding record of conduct and behavior with regard to school and community rules, or be able to demonstrate sufficient growth to compensate for previous inadequacies. In addition, the student of character:
 - accepts criticism willingly and graciously;
 - is a moral and ethical person;
 - cooperates by complying with school rules concerning property, programs, halls, etc.;
 - demonstrates highest standards of honesty and reliability;
 - regularly shows courtesy, concern and respect for others;
 - is self-disciplined; and
 - illustrates truthfulness by avoiding cheating, acknowledging wrongdoing and showing a unwillingness to profit by undermining others.

6. Faculty evaluations of each candidate are used to support the strength of each student's candidacy in the areas of character and leadership. Faculty members are encouraged to comment concerning their interaction with candidates, and will oftentimes consider personal behavior, leadership, character and commitment. **Rumors and conjecture are not considered by the Faculty Selection Committee due to an inability to verify accuracy.**

Of note, one negative rating and/or comment does not automatically disqualify a student for admission. Scores are averaged.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Information concerning how one applies for admission to the National Honor Society will be posted on the Conant website for prospective candidates. Letters, along with applications, are also sent home to all eligible applicants. Applicants will be checked against the District 211 GPA listing after the application has been submitted. Anyone applying for NHS that does not meet the 3.0 minimum GP A will have their application returned to them.

To be considered for membership, completed surveys must be returned to Mr. Bauer in the Student Services office (room 103) by Friday, August 28th at 3:30 p.m. No late forms will be accepted unless prior arrangements have been made.

The Faculty Selection Committee completes the evaluation and selection process in early October. Students are notified by mail of the Faculty Selection Committee's decisions in mid-October.