

National Honor Society

National Honor Society (NHS™), established in 1921, is an organization that recognizes student achievement and community engagement. As a high school chapter, the SLHS NHS dedicates time to developing a deep understanding of the four pillars of the National Honor Society: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. More information about the National Honor Society can be found on the official national [website](#).

How Do Students Become Members of the NHS?

To be considered for membership in the NHS, students must qualify as candidates. Qualified students will receive an invitation to provide information to be used by the Faculty Council to support their candidacy for membership. Membership is granted only to those students selected by the Faculty Council on the condition of their having met the established standards for selection. At Seven Lakes High School, invitations are sent to qualified students in the spring semester, generally in late January or early February. Invitations will be sent via Canvas to eligible sophomores and juniors.

Students will be deemed qualified and receive an invitation if the Scholarship Pillar criteria have been met:

- **The student is currently in 10th or 11th grade.**
- **The student has been enrolled at SLHS for at least one full grading period**
- **The student has a minimum weighted GPA of 3.75/5.00**

Upon receiving the Canvas invitation for membership, students will join the Canvas Candidates Course and have the opportunity to complete and submit a “Candidate Information Packet” for review by the Faculty Council. The submission of these materials by their specified deadlines will help demonstrate accomplishment in, and commitment to, the remaining three pillars of the NHS: Leadership, Service, and Character.

Items included in the Candidate Information Packet will have benchmark due dates to aid students in completing items in a timely manner, as well as allow an opportunity for feedback from the NHS adviser(s). The final submission deadline for all materials will be on the Canvas course. Failure to submit all required materials by the posted due dates will result in student ineligibility, without exception.

The Faculty Council will review the Candidate Information Packet for each student and consider each candidate separately. New members will be selected based on their demonstration of sufficient service, leadership, and character. The pillars below outline what a candidate will need to do or provide when completing the candidate materials.

Candidates will demonstrate service by:

- Reading and accepting the Service Hour Guidelines for NHS members
- Creating an x2VOL NHS account when prompted to do so in the Canvas course. ****Do not attempt to join the NHS X2Vol account at this time.*** During the material submission process, Canvas will instruct students on how to join the NHS group in X2Vol.
- Completing at least 10 service hours with a non-profit organization within the previous calendar year of the application due date. You will include your 10 service hours with your application; additionally, you will be required to provide contact information for the completed hours for verification purposes.

Candidates will demonstrate leadership through:

- Candidate Information Form
- Four SLHS teacher recommendations
- Community service hours

Candidates will demonstrate character by:

- Meeting all established deadlines and requirements for the candidacy process
- Successful completion of the Academic Integrity Pledge
- School discipline records, including those of academic dishonesty
- SLHS teacher recommendations
- Student resume or Candidate Information Form
- Community service hours

What Happens Next?

Notification of selection or non-selection will be sent on a specified date to candidates via Canvas. The notification will contain the next steps in each scenario. Selected candidates will receive access to a new membership Canvas course and packet to complete membership along with information on induction. The final submission deadline for all membership materials will be on the Canvas course. Failure to submit all required materials by the posted due dates will result in student ineligibility, without exception.

Non-selected candidates will receive information on the appeal process should they wish to pursue their candidacy further.

Membership Requirements

To remain an active member in good standing with the Seven Lakes National Honor Society, the student must:

- Pay annual dues
- Attend his or her induction ceremony
- Maintain all standards evaluated during the candidacy process in alignment with the pillars of scholarship, service, leadership, and character
- Attend all required membership meetings
- Complete required community service hours

Members who do not remain in good standing will be subject to discipline or dismissal procedures. Members who are in good standing at graduation will become alumni members of the chapter.

Current NHS Members:

Canvas is the primary communication for NHS, and members are expected to check in regularly for meetings, announcements, guidelines, and bylaws, as all members are held accountable for any information posted to Canvas. Additionally, as this is a voluntary student organization, NHS members are expected to advocate for themselves at all times, manage their own NHS requirements and x2VOL account, and contact advisers directly with any questions or concerns.

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