

National Honor Society

Hints for Completing the Application for Membership

Be specific in all areas. You must explain why a certain activity was community service or how something it was a form of leadership. Explain everything, so your information is clear to the faculty review committee.

Co-Curricular – Under “Accomplishments” you should write what you did in this club or group.

Leadership – Be specific because the committee has no idea what role you played in this leadership position. Include leadership examples from school and outside of school. Don’t be modest; be truthful but sell yourself to the committee. Include the following: elected positions held in school and community organizations, participation in positions of responsibility (section leader in band, team captain, committee chairs in student groups, etc.), positions at work that have a higher sense of responsibility than other workers, times when you have demonstrated initiative in promoting school activities, and/or times when you have contributed ideas that improve the civic life of the school.

Community (Service) – Service is generally considered to be those actions undertaken by the student which are done with or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation. Because students receive credit for VPS, these hours cannot be considered for your membership in National Honor Society. Don’t leave anything out! Many students who are involved in clubs, ROTC, and leadership spend many hours on community service, and all of these hours should be listed in your membership application. It is important that you *list the dates* you performed the community service and *how many hours* you put into it.

Work Experience - Don’t forget the times you babysat, took care of a neighbor’s property while they were on vacation, or did yard work for people.

Recognition – Include in-school and out of school recognitions.

Character – A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Your character based on office referrals are considered in your acceptance into National Honor Society. If you have an office referral, include an addenda to explain the situation if you feel it is necessary. Don’t assume that office referrals will keep you out of National Honor Society. We all have lapses in judgment, and many of us learn from these experiences. A proper regard for adolescent growth and behavior improvement is essential and considered during the application process.