

Selection for National Honor Society

History

The National Honor Society was founded in 1921 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. For eighty years the National Honor Society has worked to bring the accomplishments of outstanding high school students to the attention of their classmates, their parents, their communities, and the college they plan to attend. Chapters in more than 22,000 secondary schools continue to strive to give practical meaning to the Society's dedication to character, scholarship, leadership and service.

To Qualify as a Candidate for Selection for the 2019-20 School Year

1. In order to be considered for selection, students must have accumulated enough credits to be considered a junior or senior, according to Colonial Heights School Board policy.
2. Senior Students, during the current school year must have a cumulative scholastic grade point average of at least 3.4 in grades 9-11.
3. Junior Students, during the current school year must have a cumulative scholastic grade point average of at least 3.4 in grades 9-10.
4. A Junior or Senior student scholastically qualifying as a Candidate for Selection shall automatically be disqualified as a Candidate for selection if he/she has been placed in the Alternative Learning Center, suspended or expelled within the past school year.
5. A student must have successfully completed at least one honors or AP class.
6. Both the student and his/her parent or guardian must give written permission for the school to consider the student a candidate for selection and in doing so are indicating that they understand the criteria for selection and accept the rules governing selection.
7. Providing false information on the Candidate Service Rating Form shall be grounds for rejection to membership in the National Honor Society or grounds for automatic dismissal from the National Honor Society if discovery of this infraction is made after a candidate has been inducted. In either case a candidate shall be ineligible for future membership.
8. A student must have completed at least 1 semester at CHHS.

Please note that updates for criteria for selection were voted on by the NHS on 9/18/18 and will include the following:

Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter during the 2019-20 school year shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.40. During the 2020-21 school year, they must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of a 3.5. During the 2021-22 school year, they must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of a 3.6 and during the 2022-23 and beyond, they must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of a 3.7

Criteria and Procedure of Selection

1. Each qualified candidate will be notified in writing.
2. The student and parent or guardian must sign the statement at the bottom of the letter of notification and return it to Ms. Crowder (School Counseling Office) by the designated date.
3. The Faculty Council consisting of five voting faculty members shall select new members on the basis of the selection criteria
4. A student must complete an essay during one of the designated times. Failure to do so, forfeits their application.
5. Selection for membership is based upon the total points accumulated in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.
 - 5.1 **Activities** – this score will be determined by the activities participated in from grade 9 through the present grade as outlined by the current Colonial Heights High School Activity Rating Scale with a maximum of 40 points allowed.
 - 5.2 **Service**- this score will be determined by the community service performed from grade 9 through the present grade. Students will receive 1 point for every 5 hours. Students can receive a maximum of 15 points.
 - 5.3 **Honors**- this score will be determined by the number of individual non-athletic honors/awards the student has earned from grade 9 through the present grade with a maximum of 15 points
 - 5.4 **Leadership**- will be determined by the leadership role demonstrated by the candidate in school extra-curricular activities and in classroom situations as judged by the candidate's teachers, coaches, and sponsors. The formula will be 70% of the leadership category of the Service Rating Form (a maximum of 28 points) added to the teachers' rating average of leadership (a maximum of 12 points). The following criteria will be used to rate a candidate:
 - a. takes constructive lead in classroom, homeroom, and/or extra-curricular activities
 - b. shows initiative in his/her studies
 - c. definitely influences others for good.
 - 5.5 **Character**- will be determined by the average rating of teachers who have taught the student and those who have been sponsors of extra-curricular activities of which the students has been a member. A maximum of 40 points will be distributed in four areas with a maximum of 10 points each:
 - a. meets promptly individual pledges and responsibilities to the school in general
 - b. demonstrates highest standards of attitude toward honesty, reliability, fairness
 - c. cooperates in a willing spirit with school regulations concerning property, books,
 - d. upholds principles of morality and ethics

Character is not based on mere personality, nor on minor incidents unless they are repeated so to indicate a definite pattern of behavior. We must always be conscious of adolescent growth and development.

6. Candidates will be notified by letter if they were selected for membership or if they were not selected. Those not selected who are juniors may become candidates the following school year if they meet the eligibility criteria for seniors.

7. Candidates selected for membership will be officially inducted into the National Honor Society at a special school ceremony. Candidates, of course, have the option of accepting membership or choosing not to accept membership in the National Honor Society.

Instructions for: N.H.S. CANDIDATE SERVICE RATING FORM

Directions: Complete the NHS Candidate Information online by clicking on the word "HERE". Be sure to follow all directions and to be honest. Inaccurate information will not be viewed favorably by the faculty council.

1. List all school activities. Click the point value under the appropriate school year. For reference see NHS ACTIVITIES POINT SYSTEM
2. List all leadership positions. Fill in the point value and the school year. For reference, see NHS Awards/Honors Point System.

*****Points earned under Leadership cannot be duplicated under Activities!!!**

For example, club officer duties should be listed under Leadership only. If you are the Key Club President your senior year, that should fall under leadership...key club should not be represented under Activities for that year. If you are a captain for JV or Varsity sport, that should be listed under leadership but the sport should not be listed under activities. If you put Band Section Leader under leadership for a particular year, you do not put Band under activities for that same year.

3. List all Awards and Honors. Fill in the point value and the school year. For reference, see NHS Awards/Honors Point System.

***If an award was earned multiple years, list it for each year. (ex: 600 club)

***If you join BETA, or another honors organization this year, you may include this on your form for this year.

4. Volunteer/Community Service

***Check the box for each year that you turned in documented volunteer hours

***If you have additional, documented hours that were not turned in, please turn them in separately to Ms. Crowder by the due date.

Remember that while you should list all your activities qualifying for point credit, there is a maximum number of points available in each subcategory.

5. If you have any questions regarding the number of points you may claim for any of the activities you have participated in, please ask Ms. Crowder during the essay completion, or e-mail Ms. Crowder at Kristin_Crowder@colonialhts.net. Please give at least 24 hours for an e-mail response. The e-mail should be from you, NOT from your parent. Remember, you are the one applying.
6. Make sure you attend one of the following essay completion sessions. Completion of the essay is a mandatory component of the process. Make-up sessions will not occur....please do not wait to attend the last essay session. A last minute conflict

on Oct. 16th and not being able to make it to that session will not be a valid excuse.

<i>October 9th</i>	<i>7:05</i>	<i>Media Center</i>
<i>October 11th</i>	<i>2:30</i>	<i>Media Center</i>
<i>October 15th</i>	<i>2:30</i>	<i>Media Center</i>
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Important Information

- If you have any questions regarding the number of points you may claim for any of the activities you participated in, **ask at one of the Essay sessions before hand. Questions will be addressed only at these sessions (or through e-mail), not during your class time. Please remember that there are a large number of students that met the preliminary requirements. The advisor cannot be expected to “be on call” for individual questions.**
- The activities listed on your Service Rating Form will be reviewed by the Faculty Council and will be available for review by the faculty at large, by club sponsors, and by coaches. You are responsible for being honest and accurate. Dishonesty/exaggeration will not be viewed kindly. Simply "signing up" to be in a club does not constitute membership. If you have neither attended meetings, nor helped with any club functions, that club should not be represented on your Service Rating Form.
- Please complete your own information. Your parents are not eligible to become members and therefore, should not be filling out the forms. You need to be responsible for your own submission.
- Submit your Candidate Information (online), and your signed Permission Form and Acceptance of Rules Statement to Ms. Crowder in the School Counseling Office **by Friday, October 18, 2019**

Faculty Council will not make the final decision on candidates until the beginning of November. Letters will be distributed by November 8th. The Mandatory NHS Induction Ceremony is on Thursday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m.(with a reception prior to the ceremony at 5:30).

****\$10 dues must be paid before the Induction Ceremony**

National Honor Society *Activities* Point System

6 points

Varsity Sports

SODA

Band, Orchestra, Choir, Ensemble

Academic Challenge Team

School Plays

5 Points

J.V. Sports

Other

Colonial Heights CADRE – 3

Club Organization Member (list the club)-3

Team Manager-3

Student Ambassador-3

***Note: Points for other participation in these activities and others not noted here will be determined by the Faculty Council.**

If you have any questions – ask prior to submitting your Candidate Form.

National Honor Society *Honors/Awards* Point System

10 points

Summer Residential Governor's School

5 points

HOBY
Jefferson Book Award

Harvard Book Award
Boys/Girls State

3 points

600 Club (each year)
Foreign Language Honor Society
Presidential Physical Fitness Award

Beta Club
Science/Math/English Honor Society
Colonial Volunteer Service Award

****Non-Athletic Contests**

Entry-1
District Winner-2
Regional Winner-3
State Winner-4
National Winner-5

Please note:

1. **Contest must be sponsored by the Virginia High School League or other groups through which a school organization enters a contestant**
2. **Points for Honors/Awards not noted here will be determined by the Faculty Council. Highlight the Honor/Award and leave the point value blank.**
3. **Do not list Honor Roll (grades are used for initial selection)**
4. **Sports victories should not be included**

National Honor Society *Leadership* Point System

10 points

SCA President
Yearbook Editor

8 points

Band Section Leaders
Class President

Captain Varsity Sports
SCA Officer (other than pres.)

6 points

Captain JV Sports
Newspaper Editor

Club Officer (ex. FCA, Key Club)

5 points

SCA Senator
Innovators for Change Book Club Member

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***Note: Points for leadership positions not outlined above will be determined by the Faculty Council. If your school-sponsored leadership position is not listed above, put the position on the form, and leave the point value blank.**