

Obligations of Membership Once Accepted into NHS

In addition to maintaining the standards that earn you your membership, as an NHS member you'll attend chapter meetings, perform volunteer service projects that benefit your school and communities, and fulfill any other responsibilities as required by your local chapter's bylaws.

At John Jay H.S., as an inducted member of NHS you are *required* to:

- Attend all full membership meetings scheduled for each year (at least one per quarter)
- Tutor other JJHS students in the subject(s) of your choice
- Participate in the Red Cross blood drives held at JJHS, either as a donor or support person
- Pay annual dues of \$5
- Perform and present a verified log of community service hours — 5 hours for junior year (May & June) and 20 hours for senior year (July-May)

John Jay High School

National Honor Society

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Becoming a Member of National Honor Society...

*Character
Scholarship
Leadership
Service*



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What is the National Honor Society?

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS welcomes into its membership those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921.

NHS Eligibility Requirements

Students in their junior and senior years may become eligible to apply for membership.

NHS eligibility requirements are as follows:

- **SCHOLARSHIP:** maintain an unweighted rolling cumulative average of 90.0000
- **SERVICE:** demonstrate community service hours (volunteering to aid those in need)
- **CHARACTER:** preserve an excellent record of behavior in and out of school
- **LEADERSHIP:** participate in leadership roles in school and/or community activities.

Juniors will be invited to apply for NHS membership in the spring of their junior year if their unweighted rolling cumulative average is 90.0000 or higher and, if accepted, will be inducted in April or May of their junior year.

Seniors not currently members of NHS and possessing an unweighted rolling cumulative average of 90.0000 or higher will be invited to apply for membership in NHS during the fall of their senior year and, if accepted, will be inducted in November of their senior year.

Note: Transfer students may become eligible after completing 2 semesters at JJHS; any transfer student who is already a member of NHS continues to maintain membership.

Preparing for Membership

When you fill out your application for acceptance into NHS in your junior or senior year, you will include examples of leadership and service you have demonstrated for as far back as 9th grade.

So, begin in 9th grade to look for opportunities to volunteer or take on leadership roles in activities inside and outside of the school environment.

Also keep in mind that decisions on NHS acceptance will be based on whether or not the student reflects the tenets of NHS:

Leadership—The student must currently be active in two or more school or community activities and/or election to an office in a school organization

Service—The student must currently be involved in two or more service projects in the school or community

Character—Measured in terms of high standards of integrity, behavior, ethics and cooperation with students, faculty and community members