

National Honor Society Membership - Allatoona High School

Criteria to Be Considered for Membership: Character, Leadership, Service, and Scholarship

1. **Character:** This quality is defined as demonstrating a **positive attitude towards school, faculty, peers, and studies**, while maintaining **courtesy, concern, and respect** for those around them. Students should be **dependable, hard-working, honest, and receptive to feedback**. To be considered for membership, students must have two teachers complete recommendation forms. Failure to accrue two recommendation forms will result in a dismissal of the application.
2. **Leadership:** This quality is defined as serving in a leadership capacity within a school organization or community organization. Leadership positions are typically limited. Therefore, leadership roles are not required, but they are preferred. To be considered for membership, review the following leadership preferences:
 - a. **Sophomore Leadership:** Preference given to students who have served in at least one elected leadership role within a school-sponsored group or community group.
 - b. **Junior Leadership:** Preference given to students who have served in at least two elected leadership roles within a school-sponsored group or community group.
3. **Scholarship:** This quality is defined as students who demonstrate academic excellence. Sophomores and Juniors who maintain a cumulative, weighted grade point average (GPA) of 3.95 or above meet membership requirements.
4. **Service:** This quality is defined as efforts/contributions made by a student in the school or in the community. These contributions cannot be accomplished with financial compensation. To be considered for membership, review the following service preferences:
 - a. **Sophomore Service:** At least one service project related to school activities and one community service project. Service will be considered within: school clubs, sports, fine arts, honors society involvement, community involvement.
 - b. **Junior Service:** At least two service projects related to school activities and two community service projects. Service will be considered within: school clubs, sports, fine arts, honors society involvement, community involvement.

Criteria to Remain in Good Standing if Selected for Membership

Scholarship: The maintenance of the weighted 3.95 GPA is mandatory for all members of the NHS. Failing to maintain this GPA will result in probation for one semester. Failure in returning the GPA to a 3.95 over any two semesters after acceptance into NHS will result in dismissal from the NHS.

Discipline: Any violation that results in ISS or OSS suspension will result in dismissal from the NHS.

Dues: The dues for the National Honor Society are \$55.00. This cost includes stoles for seniors, t-shirts, and an item of seasonal apparel (hoodie, pullover, etc.). Dues must be paid by the deadline set by the faculty advisor.

Community Service: Members must earn a minimum of 15 service hours per semester (Fall and Spring). 5 of these hours, per semester, can be acquired through donations to NHS-sponsored events. Hours must be submitted by a predetermined date that is set by the faculty advisor. Hours will be submitted on a 'Community Service Hours' form that is provided by the faculty advisor.

Attendance: Meetings will be held the third Thursday of every month, unless otherwise stated. General members are expected to attend all meetings. General meetings will be offered twice per school day. Morning meetings will begin at 7:45 a.m. and afternoon meetings will begin at 3:45 p.m. Meetings are typically 30 min.

Community Service/Attendance Note: Failure to meet community service and/or attendance requirements will result in removal from the NHS. The fulfillment of these obligations will be handled with a 'strike system.' Students in NHS can accrue no more than nine (9) strikes during an academic year. The tenth (10) strike accrued by a student will result in dismissal from NHS. Strikes are accrued by the following: **A tardy to meetings will result in one strike, and an unexcused absence will result in two strikes. Students can also accrue strikes if they do not attend a community service event they have signed up for equal to the amount of hours the event is to award** (Ex. A student signs up for a 2 hour community event and does not attend, resulting in an unexcused absence. This would total 2 strikes, which equals the number of hours the student would have been awarded).