

National Honor Society Applications

The Walter Johnson chapter of the National Honor Society is now accepting applications for new members. Eligible candidates must be in either **11th or 12th grade** and must meet or exceed our chapter's standards for scholarship and service, set at **3.6 GPA or 4.1 WGPA**, and **45 student service learning hours**, respectively.

The application may be accessed at <http://bit.ly/wjnhsapply>

Recommendation forms may be printed from <http://bit.ly/wjnhsrecrequest>

Below you will find information about the NHS as well as this year's application process. Please note that this year's applications are due no later than midnight on **November 21, 2021**.

About the National Honor Society

The National Honor Society was established in 1921 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals to recognize outstanding high school students. There are NHS chapters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. territories, and Canada.

Unlike some departmental honor societies, the NHS is not focused on any single academic discipline, but rather on four key pillars--scholarship, service, leadership, and character--and its purposes align with these four pillars:

- to create enthusiasm for scholarship
- to stimulate a desire to render service
- to promote leadership
- to develop character in the students of secondary schools

The NHS not only recognizes students for their accomplishments but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

Members of the Walter Johnson chapter of the NHS are expected:

- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or above or a weighted cumulative GPA at 4.1 or above.
- Complete two service projects over the course of the year (typically one per semester).
- Volunteer at both the New Student Family Picnic in the fall and the WJ Mulch Sale in the spring.

Application Information

This year's application may be accessed at the following link: <http://bit.ly/wjnhsapply>

To complete the application candidates will:

- Read and agree to the pledges to maintain the NHS's standards for scholarship and service.
- Enter the names and e-mail addresses of two teachers and one coach/sponsor who will submit recommendations on your behalf, and **print three copies of the recommendation form and provide them to your teachers/sponsor: <http://bit.ly/wjnhsrecrequest>**
- Briefly describe an elected or appointed leadership position or other position of responsibility held in school, community, or work activities that demonstrate your capacity as a leader and

provide the name of the organization, name of the adult supervisor/sponsor, and the title of your position.

Before beginning your application, please make sure that you have the names and correct e-mail addresses of two teachers and one coach/sponsor who will complete your recommendations and that you are prepared to describe a leadership position you have held.

Applications for this year's induction class are due by midnight **November 21, 2021**. Candidates will then be notified of their application status on **November 29, 2021**.

If you have any questions about the National Honor Society, your eligibility, or the application process, please contact me at lan_M_Matthews@mcpsmd.org. I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,
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