NHS Information Packet & Process: Due Sept 4, 2024

**NHS Prospects Checklist to becoming an inducted NHS member:**

* Are you a trusted and respected leader?
* Are you a student of good character?
* Are you a Junior or Senior who has been enrolled for at least one semester at SCHS?
* Do you have a 3.5 unweighted cumulative GPA (will be checked)?
* Do you have 25 hours of service in your time in high school you can prove with verification?
* Will you attend the informational mtg before the application deadline?
* Did you submit the Google Form we use to determine acceptance/rejection to NHS available via <https://sprucecreekhighnhs.weebly.com/becoming-an-nhs-member.html> ?
* Did you email 1 rec form for character and 1 rec form for leadership to different SCHS teachers (and confirm they submitted the Google Form by the deadline)?
* Will you pass review from your guidance counselor and the Dean’s Office for character issues such as plagiarism, criminality, etc?
* Will you be able to attend your 1st NHS meeting on Sept 17+18 & the Induction Ceremony on Sept 19?
* Are you willing/capable of paying our $20 annual dues, join our Remind group and sign our contract?
* Are you willing to be a leader who actively participates in our numerous service activities?
* NOTE: Dual-enrolled students can struggle to fulfill all NHS requirements. & VOL students can’t apply.

**Major Application and Induction Dates:**

Video to be shared on app webpage Interested Prospects Meeting (about induction process & what NHS is about)

**September 4 2024 11:59pm The Deadline for both the Google Form of all your answers and the Recommendation Google Forms submitted by your chosen teachers**

September 6 Faculty Panel reviews all prospects/information

By September 9 Acceptance/rejection letters are delivered to student’s email

September 17 LUNCH, Auditorium Intros/Induction rehearsal for new members only (MANDATORY)

September 18 LUNCH, Auditorium Your first general club meeting

September 19 (6pm Auditorium) **THE INDUCTION CEREMONY**

**Consider exploring before applying:**

<https://sprucecreekhighnhs.weebly.com/>

<https://www.instagram.com/creeknhs/>

**What is NHS?**

The National Honor Society (NHS) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) are the nation’s premier organizations established to recognize outstanding high school and middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NHS and NJHS serve to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character (and Citizenship for NJHS). These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since their beginnings in 1921 and 1929.

The four main purposes of NHS are: 1) to create enthusiasm for scholarship, 2) to stimulate a desire to render service, 3) to promote leadership, 4) and to develop character in the students of secondary schools.

Membership in the National Honor Society (NHS) is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. Our chapter has worked hard to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and the community. Our chapter strives to give practical meaning to the Society’s standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These four ideals are considered as the basis for selection. No student is inducted simply because of a high academic average. The National Honor Society strives to recognize the total student—one who excels in all of these areas.

Membership, however, is more than an honor. It is an ongoing responsibility and an obligation to continue to demonstrate those outstanding qualities that result in a student’s selection. Membership also carries a responsibility to the chapter. If our NHS chapter is to be effective and meaningful, each member must become involved.

We hope you will submit all required information so that the faculty council can evaluate your candidacy. Congratulations on your success thus far.

All information you submit will be used by the faculty council to assist with the fair consideration of your candidacy during the selection process. Completion of the application does not guarantee selection. **Should you have questions please see Mr. Rohol in C14 or** [**brohol@volusia.k12.fl.us**](mailto:brohol@volusia.k12.fl.us) **or email Mrs Keith in C16 or** [**DeborahKeith24@gmail.com**](mailto:DeborahKeith24@gmail.com)**.**

**TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE CLUB, PROSPECTS MUST SUCCESSFULLY SHOW:**

**CHARACTER: Character is measured through your teacher recommendation and your answers to the Google Form. All applicant names will be submitted to the Dean’s Office and guidance for review.** Character is what distinguishes one individual from another. It is the product of constant striving to make the right choices day after day. Students with good character demonstrate respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship in all of their actions.

**LEADERSHIP: Leadership is measured through Leadership recommendation and your answers in the Google Form.** Leaders take the initiative to aid others in a wholesome manner throughout their daily activities. Leaders sacrifice their personal interests in order to yield to the needs of others. Leaders need wisdom and self-confidence to effect change in all aspects of their lives. Some examples of leadership can include, but are not limited to leading group activities in the classroom and in the community, being an officer in a club, being a primary chair or drum major of the band or orchestra, or being the captain of a sports team. The student who exercises leadership: is resourceful in proposing new ideas, applying principles, and making suggestions; demonstrates initiative in promoting school or community activities; exercises positive influence on peers in upholding social ideals; contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school and community; demonstrates initiative, reliability and dependability.

**SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship is measured by your cumulative unweighted GPA. In order to be selected you must have a minimum of a 3.5 unweighted GPA and have attended SCHS for a minimum of 1 semester.** Scholarship is characterized by a commitment to learning. A student is willing to spend the necessary time to cultivate his/ her mind in the quest for knowledge. This pillar of NHS can only be achieved through diligence and effort. Scholarship means always doing the best work possible, regardless of impending reward.

**SERVICE: Service is measured through the hours you have logged with GUIDANCE and/or what you have submitted in your answers on the Google Form. A minimum of 25 hours in your high school career are required of you. Do NOT include information from middle school.** The pillar of service can be reached in a variety of ways. The willingness to work for the benefit of those in need without compensation or recognition of any kind is a quality that is essential in NHS members. As a service club, the National Honor Society is highly concerned with giving its all to the school and community at large. Service does not include practices (of sports, music, etc) of any kind or the simple act of being a member of another club.

**Have teachers complete and submit the recommendation forms on Google Form from** <https://sprucecreekhighnhs.weebly.com/becoming-an-nhs-member.html>) **by September 4th.**

* + Ask one SCHS teacher (or perhaps an adult/mentor) to complete the CHARACTER recommendation form.
  + Ask one SCHS teacher (or perhaps an adult/mentor) who have witnessed your LEADERSHIP to complete the leadership review sheet. These individuals can be coaches, teachers, club sponsors, or leaders from organization outside of school They cannot, however, be related to you.

**AVOID MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS!**

**LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED SO PLAN AHEAD and doublecheck they did it!**

**Other NHS GUIDELINES**

* School’s code of conduct and SCHS’s Honor Code must be adhered to at all times and any violations may result in dismissal from the club.
* Meetings will be held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at lunch in the auditorium.
* Attendance is mandatory!
  + A warning in given after missing 2 unexcused meetings
  + Dismissal from the club will occur after missing 3 meetings.
* **In each quarter of the school year, all members are required to have a total of at least 10 service hours per 9 weeks, five of which must be from in-club service. (New members must only do 5 total hours in the quarter they are admitted to NHS). For example, this means that you can do 5 in-club and 5 out-of club or you could just do 10 in-club, OR you could do 8 in-club which means you would need to document at least 2 or more out-of-club. Record keeping will be done with your submission of hours to our Service Chair via a link available in** [**https://sprucecreekhighnhs.weebly.com/upcoming-service-activities--signups.html**](https://sprucecreekhighnhs.weebly.com/upcoming-service-activities--signups.html)**.**

**NHS in-club points/hours are club activities and time spent on NHS projects ie: fundraisers and NHS sponsored school activities or service work.**

**Out-of-club service hours may be accumulated via other clubs/organizations’ service projects. (A service project of kindness is done while expecting nothing in return.)**

**NHS Members have a responsibility to remain a member in good standing and to avoid probation status. Reasons for probation status and possible dismissal include:**   
1. Neglecting to maintain a 3.5 cumulative unweighted grade point average after being allowed a quarter on probation to raise your GPA. 2. Receiving 2s in conduct on your report card.

3. Having discipline problems documented / Receiving multiple referrals / Violating a school rule (such as cheating or plagiarism) / Violating a civil law

4. More than two unexcused absences (in a row) from chapter meetings

5. Failure to pay dues   
6. Failure to complete your required number of in-club hours of service   
7. Failure to complete your required number of out of club hours of service

8. Failure to return your signed NHS contract

**THE Induction Questions to Answer to be considered for membership in NHS is available at**

[**https://sprucecreekhighnhs.weebly.com/becoming-an-nhs-member.html**](https://sprucecreekhighnhs.weebly.com/becoming-an-nhs-member.html)

**in a Google Form! (The induction process will be entirely web-based.)**

**The Google Form will ask you the following questions. Be prepared or have a final version of your response to the 3 short essay questions completed before starting the Google Form. Submit your answers to that Google Form by September 4th 11:59pm.**

* Last Name; First Name; Graduation Year; Alpha Code; Desired Shirt Size; Cell phone #; Email address; English teacher name and period and room #; Date of Birth; have you been a student at SCHS for a semester
* Cumulative Unweighted GPA (must be over 3.50; check your last report card … can leave blank as we will check your official GPA). This addresses the **SCHOLARSHIP** pillar of NHS.
* Have you ever been subjected to disciplinary action by SCHS?
  + If yes, describe any disciplinary action you have experienced at SCHS (suspension, referral, etc)
* Have you ever been convicted of a violation of any state or federal law, other than a traffic violation?
* Name of SCHS teacher who will submit your LEADERSHIP rec form
* Name of SCHS teacher who will submit your CHARACTER rec form
* Please list any NHS project in which you have an interest in being involved or spearheading
* List all **SERVICE** hours/events completed in your high school career **(total must be 25 or more hours)** individually in the format: the thing you did OR event title with brief description if needed AND the number of hours AND the name & contact info (email/phone) of the adult/supervisor of the event. Separate each service entry with a semi-colon or period. DO NOT COUNT athletic/band practice, paid babysitting. Acceptable service can be individual or group service projects done either in or out of school. Generally speaking, service activities are those that are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given.
* List any other activities or work experiences in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment in each. These should be any activities inside or outside of school. For example, religious groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, community art endeavors, club or school sport teams, dance troupes, clubs, teams, musical groups etc. Do not repeat participation already listed above.
* (100 word max) Tell us more about who you are as a person beyond your resume and/or the prior two questions – consider what makes you a worthy candidate for Membership in the National Honor Society AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING **SERVICE** QUESTION: **What have you done that demonstrates a commitment to service and/or your altruistic/philanthropic spirit?**
* (100 words max) What proof/achievements can you demonstrate that reveal your **LEADERSHIP**? OR Finish the sentence “I know that I am a leader because…”. You can list all elected or appointed leadership positions you have held in school, community, or work activities. Only those positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. Examples: elected officer for the student body, class, or club; committee chairperson; team captain; newspaper editor; work area manager; or other community leader. Please include the name of the adult responsible for supervising your leadership in each position.
* (100 words max) What proof/achievements can you demonstrate that reveal your **CHARACTER**?
* FINAL QUESTION: Please read the following statement and digitally sign indicating your acceptance of the stated policy. I understand that membership in the National Honor Society involves active participation and attendance at meetings. I further understand that the completion of this form in no way guarantees membership, but that I am being considered for membership in the National Honor Society. I will accept the decision of the Faculty Selection Committee charged with the responsibility of selecting members as final. If selected as a member of NHS, I agree to abide by guidelines and expectations established by the SCHS Chapter of NHS, in addition to school and district policies. I understand that failure to meet these expectations will result in dismissal from the chapter. I have read and to the best of my knowledge have completed the attached application. **Your Digital Signature:**

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