



**National Honor Society  
Nathan Hale Chapter**

# **Membership Selection**



## **Definition of Criteria**

Membership is based on the criteria of **Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service**. The honor of membership will be bestowed upon those students who are **outstanding** in **all four** areas.

### **Character**

- meets promptly individual pledges and responsibilities
- shows positive qualities of honesty, thoughtfulness, reliability, fairness and justice
- demonstrates tolerance (sees the other point of view) and concern for others
- shows self-discipline, cooperates in a willing spirit with school regulations
- actively, or through example, helps deter negative or destructive influences
- upholds principles of morality and ethics

*Character is not based on mere personality, nor on isolated incidents, unless they are serious or repeated so as to indicate a definite pattern of behavior. For evaluation purposes, a proper regard for normal adolescent growth and development will be maintained; negative judgments will be free of hearsay and rumor.*

**\*\*The adviser and faculty council members will be privileged to any and all specific information regarding violations of the Huntington School code of conduct.\*\***

### **Scholarship**

- must be of junior or senior standing.
- a weighted grade-point average of 90% or better at the time of application

*This is a minimum requirement; no special consideration will be given to students with grade-point averages exceeding 90%.*

### **Leadership**

- takes constructive lead in classroom, school, and community activities
- promotes worthy and proper school and community activities
- successfully holds offices or positions of responsibility
- contributes constructive ideas which improve the school or community
- serves as a good influence on others through direct action or example

*Leadership is not based merely on the holding of extra-curricular offices, but on actual performance.*

### **Service**

- renders service to classmates, school, and community
- renders service through the school to the community
- puts service to other above self-interest
- gives time, effort, talents, not for personal gain but for the class, school, and community as a whole
- demonstrates a positive attitude towards teachers and other members of the staff, other students, and visitors
- represents the school or community in various types of competition, events and activities

*Service is neither based on classroom work, projects, or activities in which grades are received, nor is it based on activities for which financial compensation is received. It should be understood that prospective members must demonstrate service to classmates, school, and community.*





# Procedures for Completing Forms

As indicated in the Definition for Criteria, membership is based on the criteria of Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. The honor of membership will be bestowed upon those students who are outstanding in all four areas. Your scholarship is a matter of record. In order for the selection committee to adequately evaluate the remaining criteria, you must complete the enclosed forms.

1. Go to ***nationalhonorsociety.Huntington.site.eboard.com*** and click on the *Membership Selection* tab. Read through the information and then download the file '*Membership Selection Packet 16'-17'*'. You must use this template to complete the forms. **All Selection Packets must be typed.** If you have a problem downloading the file, see Mr. Cohen, Ms. Fisher, or one of your officers and a copy will be emailed to you.
2. Complete your ***Individual Data Form***. If you were not a student at Huntington High School during the years listed, give the name and address of your former school. Do not list teachers from that school.
3. Complete your ***Personal Statement***. The committee already knows about your qualities relative to the criteria of Scholarship, so please focus your discussion on the areas of Character, Leadership, and Service. ***If you have any transgressions (discipline incidents, suspensions, etc...), please address them in your Personal Statement.***
4. Complete your ***Student Activity Forms (Leadership, Service, & Awards. Please provide names and phone numbers of contacts for all of your community service activities.*** Also, please be detailed in your description of your service activity/organization. State what ***you*** did...not what the organization does.
5. **Complete Section I on each of the three *Sponsor Recommendation Forms*.** Distribute these forms to three people who can attest to your ***Character and Leadership.*** **Along with each form, provide an envelope and instruct the person to place the completed form in the envelope and sign across the seal. All three forms must be returned to you in sealed envelopes.** You will include them when you submit the whole *Membership Selection Packet*. Please note: your parent or guardian may not serve as a sponsor to complete a recommendation form for you. It is recommended that you ask sponsors who have worked with you on some of the activities that you will include on your *Student Activity Form*. You may ask an employer to complete a recommendation to attest to your character and leadership qualities. ***Be sure to give sponsors ample opportunity to complete the recommendation so that you will meet the submission deadline.*** No student will be considered by the selection committee without *three* recommendations.
6. Sign and have your parents sign the ***Statement of Understanding***, indicating that you understand the selection process and procedures.
7. **Submit the *Membership Selection Packet*, including the *Recommendation Forms*, to Mr. Cohen or**

Ms. Fisher in Rm. 146 by 3:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

**Please be aware that the Chapter Adviser and the Faculty Council will have access to any and all information regarding a candidate's disciplinary record.**

**Failure to submit any of the forms by the deadline will automatically disqualify you from consideration.**

**Incomplete forms will automatically disqualify you from consideration.**

