

National Honor Society Application Process  
Olathe West

**Requirements to be considered for NHS:**

- Currently a junior or senior
- Cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher
- 20 volunteer hours from Freshmen year until application deadline

**Four pillars of National Honor Society:**

- 1) Scholarship - Scholarship is characterized by a commitment to learning and always doing the best work possible, regardless of impending reward. This pillar can only be achieved through diligence and effort.
- 2) Leadership - Leaders take the initiative to aid others in a wholesome manner throughout their daily activities. Some examples of leadership could include leading group activities in the classroom or community, being an officer in a club, or being a captain of a sports team.
- 3) Service - 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.
- 4) Character - 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.

**Application Deadline: Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:59. No exceptions will be made for late applications!**

**Application Process:**

- 1) To be considered for NHS, you must fill out the online application completely by Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm. The link is located at [www.ownhs.weebly.com](http://www.ownhs.weebly.com). This part must be completed in one sitting. We highly suggest you type your essay in word and check for spelling errors.
- 2) Complete the community service document with 20 hours ranging from August of your Freshmen year until the application is due. Fill out a new form for each date that you volunteered. You can fill out this form as many times as you need. Please leave details about what you did during volunteering. Volunteer hours must be earned outside of the school day.
- 3) Turn in 2 academic reference forms and 1 activity sponsor form by the application deadline date. You can check on the website to see if the forms have been turned in. **Late forms will not be accepted.** It is your responsibility to remind teachers to fill them out. The link to send to your references is on the OW NHS website. It is suggested you send them an email with the link to click on and to let them know in advance if they are an academic or activity reference. You should use current teachers or teachers from the previous year.
- 4) Completion of the application does NOT guarantee that you will be inducted into NHS. This will allow you to be considered for induction. You will be notified if you were accepted after the Faculty Council has reviewed applications. The Faculty Council is staff members from Olathe West.

- 5) If you are interested in becoming an officer an additional application can be found on the website under NHS officers. We will accept applications in the spring 2022.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

There are many volunteer opportunities out there but here are a few suggestions you can complete in the next few weeks if you need more hours. All of these suggestions have links to their website on the OW NHS website. Volunteer hours should be completed outside of the school day. Please let me know if you have questions about volunteer hours.

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| 1) Cleaning Up Parks     | 2) Henry's Haul                    |
| 3) Ronald McDonald House | 4) Harvesters                      |
| 5) Mission Southside     | 6) Johnson County Christmas Bureau |

### **Leadership Opportunities:**

If you are interested in becoming an officer for Olathe West NHS, applications will come out in spring 2023. To be an officer for NHS, you will be required to be a part of the following:

- Lead meetings in front of students
- Create and lead community service projects
- Be a role model for all NHS students
- Help run induction night for students being inducted
- Help create and lead committees
- Interview for NHS officer position with Mrs. Clark and Ms. Boyd before or after school. I will email you with a list of times after applications are due.

### **Group Project and Volunteering:**

- We will complete a group project for NHS at least once a year. These will be announced in advance for students to ask off the date from work. This year so far, we are planning on filling out teacher appreciation cards, hosting Trunk or Treat, and holding an Alex's Lemonade Stand.
- Students will need to complete an additional 10 hours of community service each year once they have been inducted into NHS.

### **Membership Fees:**

- Membership fees will be collected once and will help cover our community service projects and supplies for induction.

### **Meeting Dates:**

- We will have meetings once a month to discuss volunteer opportunities and other items. We email about volunteer opportunities when they come available.

### **Induction:**

- Induction is mandatory and will be in early November. Date TBD.

### **Contact:**

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