

THE FOUR CRITERIA
Spectrum High School Chapter
Junior National Honor Society, National Honor Society



The four criteria are Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character

The student who possesses **Scholarship**:

- Has a minimum grade point average of 3.667 for NJHS, and 3.4 for NHS.

The student who exercises **Leadership**:

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles and making suggestions.
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities.
- Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals.
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school.
- Is able to delegate responsibilities.
- Exemplifies positive attitude.
- Inspires positive behavior in others.
- Demonstrates academic initiative.
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility; conducts business effectively and efficiently; demonstrates reliability and dependability.
- Is a leader in the classroom, at work and in other school or community activities.
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.
- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.

The student who **Serves**:

- Volunteers and provides dependable and well organized assistance, is gladly available and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance.
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities.
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school.
- Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition.
- Does committee and staff work without complaint.
- Participates in some activity outside of school, for example, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church groups, volunteer services for the elderly, poor, or disadvantaged.
- Mentors persons in the community or students at other schools.
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers and students.

The student of **Character**:

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously.
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability).
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics.
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, hall, etc.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability.
- Regularly shows courtesy, concern and respect for others.
- Observes instructions and rules, is punctual and faithful both inside and outside the classroom.
- Have powers of concentration, self-discipline and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies.
- Manifest truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.
- Actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment.

REQUIREMENTS/LETTER OF INTENT
Spectrum High School Chapter
National Honor Society



National Honor Society Membership is an honor bestowed upon the individuals who have and maintain excellent Character, Leadership, Scholarship and Service. With your membership come certain expectations and requirements. In order to remain an active member in Spectrum High School Chapter of NHS, individuals must meet the following requirements.

- Complete and submit all forms on time.
- Attend at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the bi-monthly NHS meetings.
- Complete a minimum of 15 hours of service (at least 5 group & up to 10 individual).
- Participate in 2 service projects, events, and fundraisers.
- Be in good standing in NHS in all four required areas: scholarship, character, service, and leadership.
- Return the Form of Intent by Friday, February 17, 2017 by 3:30 p.m.. Failure to return the Form of Intent by February 17th by 3:30 p.m. to the front office will make an individual ineligible for consideration.
- Complete the Student Activity Information Form, Essay Information, Recommendation Form (cannot be filled out by immediate family member) and Special Person Form postmarked no later than Wednesday, March 15, 2017 by 3:30 p.m..
- **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Complete the Form of Intent below and return it to
The front office by Friday, February 17, 2017 by 3:30 p.m.

I understand the requirements of the Spectrum High School Chapter of the National Honor Society and realize being an NHS member will require additional time and commitment.

- Yes, I want to be considered as a potential NHS member. I understand my completed forms must be submitted to the front office no later than March 15, 2017 at 3:30 pm.
- No, I realize I cannot make the commitment required of NHS.

Name _____ Grade _____

Signature _____ Date _____

IV. Community Volunteer Service: List community service in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment in each. These should be any activities outside of school in which you participated in improvement of your community. For example: church groups, youth leaders, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, or community art endeavors. *NOTE: Up to 5 hours of service required by Spectrum High School courses may be utilized for this area.* A verifying signature of an adult involved must be included. To be considered for membership, you must have a minimum of 10 hours

Community Volunteer Service	9	10	11	12	Total Hours	Signature

V. Recognition and Awards: List below any honors or awards that you have received in the last two years which supports your bid to be selected for membership in the National Honor Society. Please do not include Honor Roll on this section. Your GPA attests to your membership on the honor roll. Do not attach copies of awards, certificates, honors, etc.

Recognition or Award	7	8	9	10	11	12	Activity/Organization

The above information is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. THIS MUST BE SIGNED. Failing to do so is an automatic disqualification!

Student Signature _____ Date _____



ESSAY INFORMATION
Spectrum High School
National Honor Society



National Honor Society Membership is an honor bestowed upon the individuals who have and maintain excellent Character, Leadership, Scholarship and Service. The National Honor Society calls these the four pillars.

- **Character:** The quality is demonstrated by a person who upholds principles of morality and ethics. This person is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.
- **Leadership:** This quality is shown by those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.
- **Scholarship:** This quality is exhibited by students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.4.
- **Service:** This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.

Directions: Word-process a 1-2 page double-spaced essay including the following information:

- 1) Why you are interested in being an NHS member.
- 2) Explain how you are progressing in each one of the 4 pillars of the National Honor Society—character, leadership, scholarship and service.



SPECIAL PERSON FORM
Spectrum High School Chapter
National Honor Society



Somewhere in your career as a student, a special teacher, coach, or other adult has had an extra special influence on your life. We would like to recognize that person by inviting them to your induction ceremony on Friday, May 5, 2017, 5:30 p.m., at Spectrum High School, 17796 Industrial Circle N.W., Elk River, MN 55330.

Please identify your special person by giving their name and address and then attach a letter written to your special person explaining why you selected them.

Please include the letter and this form along with your NHS application. Completion is required for induction process.

We will mail an invitation to the induction ceremony to your special person along with the letter you wrote.

Your Name _____ Grade _____

Your Phone Number _____

Name of Special Person _____

Special Person's Address _____

City, State, Zip _____