

National Honor Society (NHS) Application



Current 10th and 11th graders may apply to National Honor Society for the 2021-2022 school year.

I. Membership Criteria:

National Honor Society (NHS) is more than just an honor roll. NHS establishes high standards for membership that are based upon a student's outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These criteria for selection form the foundation upon which the organization and its activities are built.

Scholarship: Sophomores and Juniors who have a **cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or above** meet the scholarship requirement for membership. These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, and character.

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. **To be considered for membership, the student must have performed a school or community service project (8th grade or later).** The project must have occurred outside of the classroom.

Leadership: Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, original thinkers, dependable, and optimists. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others. **To be considered for membership, a student must have exhibited leadership skills either in a school organization or a community organization. The student must also be a member of at least two school organizations.** Programs of study at KMHS are not extracurricular activities. Leadership must be exhibited outside the classroom.

Character: The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, cooperates, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a respectable lifestyle. Prospective members guilty of any violation of Cobb County School's discipline policies or Kennesaw Mountain High School's discipline policies will not be considered for membership.

Summary of Membership Criteria:

- Current 10th-11th graders apply for membership as 11th-12th graders
- Maintenance of cumulative **GPA** of 3.75
- Must have performed a school or community **service project**
- Must have exhibited **leadership** skills outside of the classroom
- Must be or have been an active **member** of at least two school or community organizations
- Good **character & discipline** record (no discipline policy violations)
- Willingness to participate in multiple service projects throughout the school year
- Ability to attend a monthly morning meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month

II. Criteria for Members to Remain in Good Standing:

Scholarship: Maintenance of a 3.75 GPA is mandatory. Falling to a minimum of 3.6 will place you on academic probation. Falling below that minimum or failure to raise your GPA up to a 3.75 within one semester will result in dismissal.

Community Service: Members must participate in a minimum of 3 NHS sponsored events and earn a minimum of 15 service hours per semester. Ten of these hours must be acquired through NHS (in club); the additional hours may be earned individually or through other service groups. No more than 5 hours may be earned for any one activity. Hours or events used to meet NHS requirements cannot also be used to meet requirements for another club.

Hours must be submitted within one week of the activity date. Hours must be signed by a sponsor of the event. Seniors must work diligently second semester as hours must be turned in prior to the final meeting to accommodate for graduation. You are responsible for resolving discrepancies with hour and event accounting. Do not wait until the end of the semester when issues become difficult to resolve.

You must turn in all hour/event slips and resolve any discrepancies by the announced semester deadline.

Attendance: Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every Month in room 905, unless otherwise stated. Leadership is expected to arrive at 7:30. The general meeting will begin at 7:40. Any arrivals during the pledge will be counted as a minor tardy, and arrivals following the completion of the pledge up to the start of the mini project will be counted as a major tardy. Any arrivals after the start of the mini project will be counted as an absence. Excused absences must be cleared prior to the meeting with Ms. Karen Kline (karen.kline@cobbk12.org) or Mrs. Susan Morlan (susan.morlan@cobbk12.org). You must sign in at each meeting in order to be counted present. If a meeting date must be changed, an email will be sent to all members.

Failure to meet attendance requirements will result in expulsion from NHS. Attendance will be handled with a strike system, where exceeding ten strikes during the school year will result in expulsion. A minor tardy will result in 2 strikes, a major tardy and/or an excused absence will result in 3 strikes, and an unexcused absence will result in 4 strikes.

Dues: The dues for National Honor Society are \$10 for initial membership in the spring. At the beginning of the school year dues for current members are \$20.00 for juniors and \$30.00 for seniors. This cost includes the stoles for seniors and t-shirts for all club members. Dues must be paid on time to maintain membership. If there is a financial burden please see Mrs. Morlan or Ms. Kline. Dues must be paid by the announced deadline or you will no longer be a member of NHS.

Communication: The primary way that NHS communicates with members is via email. Students are responsible for checking their email regularly. Text message reminders are an additional form of communication, but not the primary mode. Students are responsible for any communication issues regarding NHS. As National Honor Society Members, you accept that you will be held responsible for your actions, and for ensuring that there are no discrepancies in your service hours or attendance.

Discipline: Any violation of Cobb County Schools Discipline policies or Kennesaw Mountain High School Discipline policies will result in dismissal from NHS.

III. Application:

Submit Application via the link below. Applications must be submitted no later than February 5, 2021 at 5:00 pm. **Late applications will not be accepted.** Questions should be directed to Ms. Karen Kline (karen.kline@cobbk12.org) or Mrs. Susan Morlan (susan.morlan@cobbk12.org).

[Link for NHS Application](#)