



## **National Honor Society**

### **General Information and Application Requirements**

The National Honor Society (NHS) is a prestigious academic institution, serving as a beacon of educational excellence with more than 16,000 active chapters. NHS is built upon four fundamental pillars that serve as both selection criteria and guiding principles for members: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These pillars are designed to foster whole-person growth and create what the organization calls "Everyday" values that extend beyond formal membership to benefit schools, communities, and families. Eligible juniors and seniors will be invited to apply to the Trinity Catholic Chapter at the start of the school year, with an induction ceremony for accepted applicants happening in the early fall. Both eligibility and application acceptance are governed by the four pillars as detailed below.

#### **Scholarship**

Students must have a 3.70 unweighted cumulative GPA in order to be invited to apply for membership. If accepted, they will be expected to maintain this GPA in order to remain a member of good standing in the chapter.

#### **Service**

Students must be in compliance with Trinity Catholic's Christian service policy, which stipulates that students complete at least 25 service hours each year, helping people most in need. Furthermore, applicants to the Trinity Catholic NHS chapter should set themselves apart and exceed this base requirement by performing 10 additional hours of service.

- Seniors will need 85 hours logged in order to be considered eligible for membership
- Juniors will need 60 hours logged in order to be considered eligible for membership

#### **Leadership**

Students will be asked to list specific leadership experiences and positions on their application. These experiences can be drawn from the school or community while working with or for others. Trinity Catholic's Guidance Department is a good resource for students who are uncertain how to gain this type of experience. A few examples of leadership opportunities within the school include Key Club, the School Ambassador Program, Student Government Association, Future Farmers of America, and Peer Ministry.

#### **Character**

The student of good character is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; and shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others. Therefore, an eligible applicant cannot have a level two (or higher) disciplinary infraction on their record within the past semester.

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