

National Honor Society: Basic Facts

The National Honor Society is a nationally recognized organization known for its academic excellence and service to the community. It is sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Qualifications for membership in the WSHS Chapter of the National Honor Society:

- Students must be at least a **first semester sophomore, or apply at the end of Freshman year to be inducted the following fall.**
- **Scholarship: 3.0 cumulative GPA and 6 semester classes of Advanced, AP, IB, or Honors academic classes.** Active class participation, clear communication, excellent attendance is also required.
- **Leadership:** Positive attitude, initiative and reliability in class and in school activities.
- **Service:** Helpful to others in school and community.
- **Character:** Honest, reliable, courteous, respectful and perseverant.

Selection procedure:

- Early second semester, for students who apply for spring induction.
- Early first semester, for students who apply for the fall induction.
- Applications are reviewed and input is requested from the staff regarding applicants.

Transfer student requirements for membership in the West High NHS Chapter:

- Complete one semester at WSHS.
- Show your NHS certificate to West's advisor.
- Complete the WSHS student application to show that you meet the WSHS qualifications listed above.

Membership responsibilities:

- Participate in the formal induction.
- Pay annual \$15 dues and fees.
- Attend WSHS National Honor Society meetings.
- Participate in NHS activities and service projects.
- Complete 40 hours of volunteer service during the school year; up to 20 hours may be over the preceding summer.
- If applying as a senior in the fall, you must complete 40 hours over the school year.
- Maintain a **3.0 GPA** minimum
- Take a minimum of **6 semester classes of Advanced, AP, IB, or Honors academic classes** before applying, and continue taking some each year
- Maintain an exemplary character.

**WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
STUDENT ACTIVITY INFORMATION SURVEY**

DIRECTIONS: Please fill out this form and return it to **Mrs. Beckstrom's box in the Main Office** in order to be considered for acceptance into the National Honor Society. You will be notified of acceptance and there will be an evening induction ceremony which you must attend.

- End of year applications due the second to the last day of school—notification the last day of school, induction at the October Induction Ceremony.
- Fall applications due the last school day of September, notification will be the next week, induction at the October Induction Ceremony.
- Spring applications due the last day of January, notification the next week, induction at the February Induction Ceremony.

Name _____ Grade _____ Student ID _____

Email address _____ Cell# _____

Advanced Academic Classes

List the honors, advanced, AP or IB course you have taken during high school in academic areas only. The WSHS Chapter requires six semester classes of honors or AP classes.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

Activities

List activities you have been or are currently involved in, including clubs, sports, etc.

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Years involved</u>	<u>Awards</u>
1.	9 10 11 12	
2.	9 10 11 12	
3.	9 10 11 12	

(Feel free to list additional activities on a separate sheet of paper.)

Leadership Positions

List leadership roles and special awards in school or community organizations. Refer to the Qualifications for Membership page for examples of leadership:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Special Awards</u>
1.	9 10 11 12	
2.	9 10 11 12	
3.	9 10 11 12	

Community Service

Refer to the Qualifications for Membership page for examples of service

<u>List where and what position</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Number of hours</u>
1.	9 10 11 12	
2.	9 10 11 12	
3.	9 10 11 12	

Personal Statement

Write one paragraph (approximately 100 words) telling why you would like to join NHS and tell what strengths you would bring to West's chapter of the NHS. Attach the typed paragraph to this form. It is suggested that you focus the paragraph on character: for example, what is the responsibility of NHS members to be role models of exemplary character?