



National Honor Society (NHS)

2011-2012 Criteria and Application Form

COMPLETED APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 16, 2011 at 4 PM
(NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED)

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: NHS ADVISER - Margarita Flores-Sicich
(Note: the completed application may also be given to the Front Office Staff to place in Margarita Flores-Sicich's faculty inbox)

QUESTIONS? Contact NHS Adviser, Margarita Flores-Sicich, at msicich@saviochs.org

The St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School Chapter of the National Honor Society was formed to honor those students who are outstanding in scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Selection to the National Honor Society is a privilege, not a right. Students do not apply for membership in the NHS; instead, they provide information to be used by a selection committee (Faculty Council) in determining whether or not a candidate is admitted to the National Honor Society (to support their candidacy) for membership.

According to the NHS Constitution, the purpose of the National Honor Society is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of American secondary schools.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the St. Dominic Savio NHS Adviser, Margarita Flores-Sicich, at msicich@saviochs.org.

First Round of Eligibility

1) To be considered, the student must have earned a 3.50 weighted GPA and be considered in good standing both academically and with regards to discipline (not having served any time on academic probation and not having had any discipline issues)

2) Minimum cumulative service hours completed: 25 for Sophomores, 35 for Juniors, 45 for Seniors

NOTE: The service hours MUST be ON RECORD with Father Daniel in the Campus Ministry Office by the deadline.

Second Round of Eligibility

The Faculty Council will consider the following when reviewing candidates for induction to NHS:

Service:

- Does the candidate volunteer and provide dependable and well organized assistance with a positive and willing attitude?
- Does the candidate work well with others?
- Is the candidate willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibility in which he/she may not receive outward praise?
- Does the candidate cheerfully and enthusiastically render any requested service to the school?
- Does the candidate mentor persons in the community or students at other schools?
- Does the candidate display courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students?

Character:

- Does the candidate take constructive criticism willingly and accept recommendations graciously?
- Does the candidate consistently exemplify the ‘desirable qualities’ of behavior and that of a Servant Leader? (Examples of ‘desirable qualities’ – attentiveness, availability, benevolence, compassion, contentment, decisiveness, dependability, determination, diligence, enthusiasm, faith, forgiveness, generosity, humility, initiative, obedience, patience, resourcefulness, selflessness, sincerity, tolerance, truthfulness)
- Does the candidate uphold the principles of morality and ethics?
- Does the candidate set a positive example to others by being a good steward with regards to our school, school building, hallways, offices, etc...?

Leadership:

- Is the candidate resourceful in proposing new solutions and making suggestions?
- Does the candidate demonstrate initiative in promoting school activities?
- Does the candidate exercise positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals?
- Does the candidate contribute ideas that improve the civic life of the school?
- Is the candidate able to delegate responsibilities?

Application

Sophomore, Junior, or Senior Savio students are encouraged to apply for induction to the National Honor Society. The application is available via PDF download from the St. Dominic Savio website and in the Parent Resource Section of the Weekly Bulletin. Please note that applications will NOT be accepted after the completed application deadline.

A COMPLETED APPLICATION must include the following to be considered complete:

1. Completed and signed Candidate Application Form
2. Completed and signed Candidate Recommendation Form (in a sealed envelope)
3. Candidate Essay (with your name at top of essay)
4. Service hours MUST be ON RECORD with Father Daniel in the Campus Ministry Office by the deadline

Please place items 1, 2, and 3 listed above in ONE large envelope with the following information on the front of the envelope:

- Candidate’s First and Last Name
- ATTENTION: NHS Adviser, Margarita Flores-Sicich

Community Activities: List all non-school related clubs, groups, teams, etc. in which you have participated. Also list any leadership positions, contributions, and accomplishments during your participation.

Activity	Year(s)	Leadership/Contributions/Accomplishments

Service, Job Experience and Special Awards: List any job/service experiences, honors, and special recognitions which support your candidacy for selection in the National Honor Society.

Activity	Year(s)	Leadership/Contributions/Accomplishments/ # of hours on job

CANDIDATE RECOMMENDATION FORM

Candidates must have an advisor, coach, or someone in a similar role complete a Candidate Recommendation form. The form is confirming that the candidate is a ‘leader in good standing.’ The Candidate Recommendation form is confidential and must be included as part of the completed application (signed by Recommender and in a sealed envelope). The candidate may submit more than one Candidate Recommendation form, but only one is necessary.

CANDIDATE ESSAY

In the above charts, you have listed and described your activities and leadership. The Faculty Council is well aware that character and leadership aren’t always visible by simply looking at a chart and an explanation. We also realize that you do not need to have a title or hold a position in a club or on a team to ‘make a difference’. Leaders make a difference with or without a title. In an expository essay of at least 250 words (no more than 750), please describe how you have ‘made a difference’. The Candidate Essay must be included as part of the completed application.

CANDIDATE’S SIGNATURE

The following signature is required. Your application will not receive consideration from the NHS Faculty Council without your signature. “The information submitted here is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I am being considered for membership in the National Honor Society. I also understand that the completion of this form does not guarantee membership. I will accept as final the decision of the Faculty Council, charged with the responsibility of selecting members.”

_____ *Candidate’s Signature*



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Candidate Name: _____

Name of Recommender: _____

In what capacity do you know the candidate: _____

How long have you known the candidate: _____

Please circle the most accurate description of the candidate:

1. The candidate displays a good attitude: Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Disagree Disagree
2. The candidate works well with others: Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Disagree Disagree
3. The candidate displays care and concern for others: Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Disagree Disagree

Do you feel this person is a good candidate for the National Honor Society based on your personal encounters with the candidate? YES NO

In the space below, please provide any other information about the candidate that may help the Faculty Council (selection committee) with their review of the candidate (if more space is needed, please continue on the back of this page):

Signature of Recommender: _____

Please return this completed and signed Candidate Recommendation form to the candidate in a sealed envelope with the name of the candidate on the envelope. The candidate will be responsible for including this Candidate Recommendation form as part of the completed application. Please note that the candidate's deadline for submitting a completed NHS application (which must include the Candidate Recommendation form) is December 16, 2011 at 4 PM.