

# Mount Olive High School Chapter of National Honor Society

## Application Directions for School Year 2020-2021

The application packet consists of the following components:

1. Letter of Intent: **DUE TUESDAY, 12/22/20 by 11:59pm**
2. Resume: **DUE FRIDAY, 1/15/21 by 11:59pm**
3. Essay: **DUE FRIDAY, 1/15/21 by 11:59pm**
4. Extra-Curricular Form: **DUE FRIDAY, 1/15/21 by 11:59pm**
5. Recommendation forms (via Google Forms link): **DUE DUE FRIDAY, 1/15/21 by 11:59pm**

### 1. Letter of Intent:

- Please sign, date, and obtain a parent signature indicating if you intend to apply for membership.
- **Form must be UPLOADED to the Google Classroom site by 11:59 PM on TUESDAY, December 22, 2020.**
- **Late forms will not be accepted** and will cancel the offer to apply for NHS membership.

### 2. Resume:

- Submit a **typed resume** containing the following information:

#### Personal information

Name

Address

Phone Number

Year in school and counselor's name

**Service Activities (mention date and # of hours):**      9<sup>th</sup>      10<sup>th</sup>      11<sup>th</sup>      12<sup>th</sup>

School

Community

**Leadership Activities**                      9<sup>th</sup>      10<sup>th</sup>      11<sup>th</sup>      12<sup>th</sup>

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**Other** (if applicable)                      Honors/Awards/Paid Positions

**References:** List the names, titles/roles, addresses, and phone numbers of each of your **4** selected recommenders. Indicate after each name if the recommendation will be on behalf of your leadership or service.

### **3. Essay:**

- Your essay must be no more than 500 words, double-spaced, 12-point font TNR or Arial (approximately two pages).
- Submit a **typed essay** on the following topic:

**There are four characteristics (or “pillars”) of an NHS member:  
scholarship, character, leadership, and service.**

- ➔ Select **2** of the pillars which you most exemplify
- ➔ Compose an essay response which explains why you should be considered for selection as a member of NHS by using specific examples, scenarios, and/or challenges which support those **2** pillars

### **4. Extra-Curricular Form:**

- Fill out your part of the extracurricular form truthfully.
- Due to the Remote Learning situation, we are exempting the adviser signature “sign off” **THIS YEAR ONLY!**

### **5. Recommendation/Reference Forms:**

- **VERY IMPORTANT:** Your 4 reference forms are **CONFIDENTIAL**. Under no circumstances are you to view the completed forms. *The forms MAY NOT BE GIVEN TO YOU DIRECTLY!*
- All recommendations must be completed and submitted via the Google Forms link provided in Google Classroom by **11:59pm on Friday, January 15, 2021**.
- You must select **4** individuals to complete the reference forms. Note that the same person MAY NOT complete both a leadership and a service form.
- **If all FOUR of your reference forms have not been received by the due date – which is why you must follow-up on these – your application will be considered incomplete, and therefore, you will not be considered for membership selection. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

### **Keep in mind when selecting references...**

- 1) Be sure to choose **FOUR** individuals you think will give you *excellent* references.
  - ➔ Provide them with the “NHS Confidential Reference” forms and indicate -- by circling/highlighting the correct word(s) -- whether you want them to comment on *service OR leadership*.
  - ➔ The individuals you select should be **well qualified** to evaluate you in **one** of these critical areas.
  - ➔ You are required to have **2** references for leadership and **2** references for service.
  - ➔ When you ask that person to write a reference for you, specifically ask them to address THAT SPECIFIC area (service OR leadership).
  - ➔ *Remind them they **must** write in the section for comments and **sign off on the second page of the form.***

- 2) It is strongly encouraged to have references that highlight your commitment to both the school and the community.
- We cannot stress enough how important it is to select your references carefully.
  - The Faculty Selection Committee needs detailed and positive information regarding your service *and* leadership skills to evaluate you properly.
  - The Faculty Selection Committee strongly recommends that you demonstrate a diversified application by highlighting leadership positions and service activities that do not receive monetary compensation and/or are not in exchange for discounted tuition or fees.

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**The resume, essay, and extra-curricular form must be UPLOADED TO GOOGLE CLASSROOM no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, January 15, 2021.** Failure to meet this deadline will be interpreted as an indication that you do not wish to be considered for selection to NHS. **Late/incomplete application packets may not be considered. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Good luck! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of us, or one of the current NHS officers or NHS members.

The application review and selection process will take several weeks to finish. You will be notified in writing as soon as the Faculty Selection Committee has made its decision.

The date for the NHS induction is set for Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM (snow date Thursday, March 11, 2021). In-person inductions take place in the MOHS Recording Studio. Decisions on an in-person or virtual induction will be made closer to the induction ceremony date.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ross/Room B242

Mrs. McLaughlin/Office G132