

## **St. Dominic Chapter of the National Honor Society**

St. Dominic High School sponsors the St. Dominic Chapter of the National Honor Society. Membership is open in the fall of each school year to qualified juniors and seniors. The following qualifications for membership are carefully considered and evaluated by the Faculty Council:

- Each candidate must have completed one full academic year at St. Dominic and have a cumulative GPA of 3.70 unweighted.
- At the time the candidate information form is submitted, each candidate must have a minimum of 50 approved service hours if applying as a junior and 75 approved hours if applying as a senior.
- Students who transfer into St. Dominic and were members of the National Honor Society at their previous school will have their membership honored. Documentation from previous school will be required.
- Each candidate must display involvement in the activities that reflect a high level of commitment to scholarship, leadership, character, and service beyond the normal requirements of the school. This commitment is catalogued on a personal profile application.
- Each candidate's behavior and integrity will be reviewed per semester.
- Candidates should review the [Bylaws of the St. Dominic Chapter of the National Honor Society](#) for complete information regarding responsibilities and dismissal of members.

At the start of each school year, junior and senior students who have met the cumulative GPA requirement will receive an invitation (via mail) to apply for admittance to the St. Dominic Chapter of the National Honor Society. Once the official invitation is received, students must complete the [Candidate Information Form](#). The application deadline is included in the Candidate Information Form.

A five-member Faculty Council determines membership decisions based on a thorough review of all application documents. It is important to note that this is a selective process and cumulative GPA alone does not guarantee membership. Once students have been extended and accepted membership, it is expected they will maintain a cumulative unweighted GPA of at least 3.70 as well as complete seven hours of approved school-sponsored service during each year of membership.

The NHS Faculty Council consists of five teachers, chosen by the principal. The Faculty Council reads each individual complete candidate information form. The Faculty Council votes on each applicant; those applicants with a majority vote are accepted. The faculty advisor has no input into the selection process and cannot override the Faculty Council. Applicants who are not accepted may appeal to the Principal, whose only responsibility will be to make sure the selection process was not conducted in an arbitrary or capricious manner and that the student's materials were reviewed and voted upon.

### **Important points to consider when completing the Candidate Information Form:**

- Completion of candidate information form does not guarantee selection.
- All candidate information forms and supporting documents are due by 3:00 August 23, 2019. This is an absolute deadline and no late applications can be considered. School absence is not an acceptable excuse so it is best to turn this document in early to make sure you have met the deadline.
- Do not be modest. Your candidate information form provides you the opportunity to sell yourself to the Faculty Council who will fairly evaluate your qualifications for membership. Proudly make a case for yourself. Be sure to put your best effort into this process.
- When completing the resume, please consider reviewing an [online template](#).
- The personal statement should be double spaced in 1 inch margins with 12 point font.
- While the faculty council will not be the grammar police, good scholarship is reflected when distracting errors are minimized and a logical structure to your reflections is followed.
- Emphasize your most recent high school and community activities; your elementary school activities are not especially relevant and should not be included.

## NHS TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Candidate, please complete shaded box prior to sharing form with recommender.

Student Name:

Teacher Name:

List the course(s) the teacher taught you:

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Please complete this form and return it to **Mrs. Goins** by **AUGUST 23**. DO NOT return to the student. **This recommendation will be kept confidential. Thank you in advance for your honesty and candor.**

Please circle the National Honor Society pillars in which the candidate excels, based on your observations both in and out of your classroom.

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CHARACTER

<b>Please check the appropriate box.</b>	Excellent	Average	Below Average	No Basis
Academic Integrity				
Personal Integrity				
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Respect for others				
Motivation				
Self-confidence				
Willingness to serve others				
<b>Do you recommend this student for NHS?</b>	Enthusiastically Recommend	Recommend	Recommend with Reservations	Do Not Recommend

Please include any additional comments on the back of this form.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## NHS EXTRACURRICULAR SPONSOR/SUPERVISOR RECOMMENDATION

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Student Name:

Sponsor/Supervisor Name:

Extracurricular Activity:

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