



**Our Lady of Mercy Academy  
2023-2024  
National Honor Society Application**

**Application deadline**

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 by 2:45pm in the Main Office  
No late applications will be accepted.

**Questions**

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# NHS Candidate Application Form

OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

## What is the National Honor Society?

The National Honor Society, or NHS, is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its inception in 1921.

## To apply for membership you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a sophomore, junior or senior
- Have attended OLMA for at least one semester
- Have a current GPA of at least 3.70
- Demonstrate scholarship, leadership, service, and character (The Four Pillars of NHS)

## Your NHS advisor's role:

To enforce the national guidelines so that OLMA can keep its NHS accreditation, to guide you, and to provide evidence of your case to both faculty council and the national organization. Your advisor does not decide if you are accepted or rejected to NHS. Faculty Council makes that determination. Their decision is FINAL. There is no appeal process. Selection results will be delivered in mid November. All decisions will be mailed the week before the induction ceremony scheduled for December 5, 2023 at 6:00pm. **The induction ceremony is mandatory for all members. Failure to attend the ceremony will preclude a candidate from becoming a member.**

## Maintaining Membership:

In order to maintain membership in NHS after acceptance you must meet the following criteria:

- Attend at least 3 of the 4 NHS meetings.
- Participate in official OLMA Community Service Project/s.
- Complete a total of 6 hours of individual service hours in the form of student academic support during flex-time

**Directions:** Please complete all sections. Type or legibly print all information and submit it by the published deadline. **Do not be modest.** All information will be used by the faculty council to assist with the fair consideration of your candidacy during the selection process. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection. Should you have questions about this form, please contact Dr. Gabrielle Regney.

**Scholarship**

All Mercy students who have a 3.7 unweighted GPA will be invited to apply for membership in the Mercy Chapter of NHS.

**Leadership Positions**

List all elected or appointed leadership positions you have held in school, community, or work activities. They can be “traditional” positions such as team captain, club or house officer, work manager, community leader, etc. They can also be somewhat less obvious roles such as organizing a service activity or chairing a school committee. On the application it is important to clearly describe your position and duties so the faculty council can understand your role. If needed, you may list additional activities on a separate sheet.

Position	Grade				Description and Adult Sponsor
	9	10	11	12	

**Service**

All Mercy students meet the service requirements of *admission* to the NHS. (If you are selected and inducted as a member of the Mercy Chapter of the NHS, participation in additional personal service hours as well as a group service project will be required, as a member.)

**Co-Curricular Activities**

List all activities in which you have participated during your high school career thus far. Include clubs, athletic teams, musical groups, etc., and major accomplishments in each. If needed, you may list additional activities on a separate sheet.



Activity	Grade				Description/Accomplishments
	9	10	11	12	

**Work Experience, Recognition, Awards** List any job experience, honors, or recognitions that you have received (during your high school career thus far) that may support your bid to be selected for membership into the National Honor Society. Work experience may be paid or volunteer.

Organization	Grade				Description of Activity/Recognition/Award
	9	10	11	12	



## Essay

Pick ONE of the five aphorisms based on the four pillars of the National Honors Society:  
(Character) "Our characters are a result of our conduct." - Aristotle

(Character) "The integrity of a person is not how much wealth he or she acquires, but in his or her integrity and his or her ability to affect those around him or her positively." - adapted by Bob Marley

(Leadership) "The wisdom of admitting your weaknesses and correcting them through continuous learning means leadership." - A. James

(Scholarship) "I would prefer even to fail with honor than win by cheating." - Sophocles

(Service) "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

### Guidelines:

1. This must be **typed, double-spaced** and be **250-300 words**. Stay within length requirements.
2. You must use size **12 Times New Roman Font** with 1-inch margins.
3. This must be on a separate sheet of paper and attached to your application.
4. Be specific. Provide examples from your personal life and connect to and **INCLUDE** the selected aphorism.
5. This needs to be written as you would an essay with an attention grabber, main topic (thesis), well-developed details, smooth flow, and effective closing.
6. This must be your own original writing and may not be AI generated.

### **Recommendations**

Recommendations are ***not*** required. However, if you feel that your application does not adequately reflect your qualifications, you may provide one brief letter *or* ask for one adult recommender to speak briefly (five minutes) to the Faculty Council, on your behalf.

If you choose to submit a letter of recommendation or have someone speak on your behalf, please provide the following information:

I am submitting a letter of recommendation from \_\_\_\_\_ or

I am asking \_\_\_\_\_ to speak to the Faculty Council on my behalf.

**Signatures**

I understand that completing this form does not guarantee selection to the Honor Society. I attest that the information presented here is complete and accurate. If selected, I agree to abide by the standards and guidelines of the chapter and to fulfill all of my membership obligations to the best of my ability.

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

I have read the information provided by my son/daughter on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please staple together and return completed form, essay and letter of recommendation, if applicable, to the main office no later than **Wednesday, November 1, 2023 by 2:45 pm.**

