

National Honor Society

Membership in the Rushville Chapter of the National Honor Society is an honor bestowed upon deserving students. Selection for membership is determined by a Faculty Council and is based on outstanding **scholarship, leadership, service, and character**.

All RCHS juniors who have a grade average of 3.7 or higher for five semesters of high school or seniors with a grade average of 3.7 or higher for six semesters of high school are *scholastically eligible* for consideration.

Academically qualified students who wish to be further considered for membership selection must have the required **Student Activity Information form** completed and returned *by the indicated deadline* to inform the selection committee of their qualifications in the areas of **leadership** and **service**. Two recommendations must accompany the form to aid assessment of the candidate's **character**, in addition to recommendation inputs from the entire faculty and administration.

After forms and recommendations have been received, the Faculty Council will review the forms, along with any other verifiable information about the candidates relevant to their consideration for membership, and make their selections. A **majority vote** of each candidate by the 5-member Faculty Council will determine selection for membership, with approval of the principal.

If selected and inducted into the Rushville Chapter of NHS, each member must perform the following membership obligations of NHS:

- **Dues** – Members must pay the \$20 chapter dues for lifetime membership
- **Maintaining standards** – Once selected, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected as per chapter bylaws in the areas of *scholarship, leadership, service, and character*.
- **Meetings** – The Rushville Chapter holds a few informative meetings and *strongly encourages* members to attend all meetings. Members will be notified in a timely manner of these meetings.
- **Chapter Service Project(s)** – All chapters are required to sponsor a chapter service project and all members are required to participate in one project.
- **Individual Service Project(s)** – In addition to the chapter service project noted above, members are to engage in additional service according to their own talents and interests.
- **Additional Obligations** - (*No service hours required*)

The benefits of membership include affiliation with the highly regarded National Organization; local recognition for outstanding achievements in scholarship, leadership, service, and character; graduation with honor cords as part of the graduation attire; and membership listed on college and job applications.

Any member who fails to maintain minimum standards of scholarship, leadership, or service, or whose behavior is inconsistent with that expected of an NHS member, will be given a written warning and put on a one-semester probation. Future failure to maintain minimum standards may result in further disciplinary action, which may include dismissal from the Rushville chapter of the National Honor Society.