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Three Harbor Chapter of the National Honor Society

Application Packet Spring 2022

Advisors: Ms. Myra Georgiou and Ms. Maria Segura

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Dear Applicant:

Congratulations! You have received this packet because you have already achieved one of the requirements for induction into the Three Harbor Chapter of the National Honor Society; you have a weighted GPA of 3.66 or above which shows good scholarship, one of the four pillars of the National Honor Society. The three other pillars on which the National Honor Society is built are leadership, character, and service. In order to demonstrate your eligibility in these three areas, you must complete the following application.

In order to be considered for selection, you must attend a **mandatory meeting on Tuesday, February 15 at 2:30 in Cafeteria A OR ZOOM at 7 p.m**, code: **959 3266 0984** to walk through the selection process and packet completion. Please carefully complete all sections according to the directions listed. All forms must be completed <u>in pen</u>. This application is posted on the district website if you need an extra copy. Completed applications are to be submitted to Ms. Myra Georgiou or Ms. Maria Segura by 2:30 p.m. on <u>Wednesday, March 9.</u> Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Please submit the entire application after reviewing the NHS Application Packet Completion Checklist and place your completed application in a 9" x 12" <u>manila envelope</u>. Any misrepresentation on the application will result in automatic disqualification of your application. Please make yourself a copy of your original documents.

If you are accepted, you and your family will be notified. As a member you will be expected to uphold the pillars of the National Honor Society.

Please note:

** We understand Community Service opportunities were limited due to COVID. Please submit the information for all Community Service you attempted and/or performed for the 2019/2020 though the 2021/2022 school years. **

Sincerely,

Ms. Myra Georgiou and Ms. Maria Segura National Honor Society Advisors

The Four Pillars of the National Honor Society

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship is a commitment to learning, studying, and understanding the lasting benefits of a cultivated mind.

Requirement: A weighted cumulative grade point average of **3.66** as of the end of the 2nd Marking Period and this average should be maintained throughout your academic career.

LEADERSHIP / MEMBERSHIP

Student leaders / members are those who are resourceful individuals, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, contributors of ideas, dependable club or team members, and people who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences must be drawn from school-related activities.

Requirement: A sustained commitment in a minimum of two school-related activities each year (grades 9-12) and a rating of satisfactory from all advisors and coaches.

The student who leads...

- is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles and making suggestions to improve the school environment.
- demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities.
- exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals.
- exemplifies positive behavior.
- contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school.
- is able to delegate responsibilities.
- demonstrates initiative.
- successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, conducts business efficiently and effectively, and is reliable and dependable without adult supervision.
- demonstrates leadership in the classroom and in school activities.

SERVICE

This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.

Requirement: 60 hours of <u>verifiable</u>, <u>unpaid community service</u> as follows:

- 20 hours for Freshman year (June/July June/July) and
- 20 hours for Sophomore year (June/July June/July) and
- 20 hours for Junior Year (June/July March 1)
- 20 hours for Senior Year including 5 in school tutoring hours

*** Senior Hours are due by NHS Induction Ceremony Senior Year ***

Service must be in a minimum of two (2) school or non-profit community organizations. Twenty (20) hours between at least two different organizations/groups are required. Sports activities cannot be included for community service. All out-of-school community service must be verified by a letter on the organization's official letterhead. Parent signatures must be accompanied by that of another adult involved in the community service. Any hours accumulated through a family-related organization must be approved by the advisor prior to submission of the log. Separate letters (on the organization's official letterhead) are required for each of the community service activities that you participate in. The number of hours, specific dates, phone numbers, signatures, contact information and the actual duties that you performed must be discussed in the letter. If you have any questions as to whether or not your activity qualifies for community service, please speak to Ms. Georgiou or Ms. Segura. Incomplete letters/forms will not be accepted. Missing letters/forms can affect your acceptance into the National Honor Society.

The student who serves...

- puts others before his/her own self-interest.
- participates in activities beyond classroom work, projects, paid employment, or activities in which grades may be involved.
- understands the importance of civic involvement.
- demonstrates mature participation and responsibility.

CHARACTER

Character is the force within each person which distinguishes each National Honor Society applicant from the next, through individuality. The student of character shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others while demonstrating the highest standards of trust, honesty, and integrity.

Requirement: Satisfactory evaluations from faculty members.

The student of character consistently...

- displays honesty and loyalty.
- is cooperative.
- shows a sincere interest in learning.
- shows concern, courtesy, and respect for others.
- brings out the best in himself/herself and others.
- is moral and ethical.
- arrives to class on time.
- has excellent attendance.
- observes teacher instructions and rules.
- complies with school regulations.

How to Complete the Application Packet

Please fill out all forms neatly and completely.

- **1. Personal Information Sheet and Agreement:** Fill out all the information requested on the Personal Information Sheet. When you have completed all of the other parts of the application, please fill in and sign the agreement and have your parent or legal guardian do the same.
- **2.** Complete the School-Related Activity Summary: Include only school-related activities. Be sure to indicate any leadership positions you have held. Since leadership is one of the four pillars of the National Honor Society, the Faculty Council will be looking for evidence of your leadership qualities.
- **3. Distribute a School-Related Activity Verification Form to each advisor or coach:** Because the Faculty Council must verify your involvement in each activity, make a copy of the School Activity Verification Form for each activity in which you participate. Fill out the top portion completely and then hand-deliver it to the appropriate advisor or coach to complete. The advisor or coach will then forward it to the National Honor Society advisor for review by the Council. Be sure to confirm that your advisor(s)/coach(es) have submitted the completed forms. You must be involved in a minimum of two school-related activities each year (grades 9-12) and receive a rating of satisfactory from all advisors and coaches.
- **4. Generate an Additional Activities Sheet (optional):** You may submit a typed list of outside activities and jobs on a separate sheet of paper. Any out-of-school activities must be verified by a letter on the organization's or business' official letterhead.
- 5. Complete the Community Service Log: Community service is a very important element of the National Honor Society. You are required to have sixty (60) hours of verifiable, unpaid community service (20 hours for each year) for a minimum of two (2) school or non-profit community organizations. Please see page 4 of this application for more detailed information. Complete this form carefully and make sure you get the appropriate signatures, phone numbers, specific dates, and type of service performed so the Faculty Council can verify your involvement and time commitment in each activity. All out-of-school community service must be verified by a letter on the organization's official letterhead. Parent signatures must be accompanied by that of another adult involved in the community service. Any hours accumulated through a family-related organization must be approved by the advisor prior to submission of the log. Separate letters (on the organization's official letterhead) are required for each of the community service activities that you participate in. The number of hours, specific dates, phone numbers, signatures, contact information, and the actual duties that you performed must be discussed in the letter. If you have any questions as to whether or not your activity qualifies for community service, please speak to the National Honor Society advisor. Incomplete letters/forms will not be accepted. Missing letters/forms can affect your acceptance into the National Honor Society. ** We understand Community Service opportunities were limited due to COVID. Please submit the information for all Community Service you attempted and/or performed for the 2019/2020 through the 2021/2022 school year. **
- 6. Make sure you go back after completing the application and **sign** (and have your parent or legal guardian sign) the Agreement at the bottom of the Personal Information Sheet.
- 7. Review the "Completion Checklist" to make sure you've included all materials in your packet.
- **8. Submit all materials** (see checklist on the following page) in a 9" x 12" <u>manila envelope</u> with your name neatly printed on it. Please give this envelope to Ms. Georgiou or Ms. Segura by the date and time indicated in the letter on page 2. Please include materials pertaining to pages 7-11.

Teacher Evaluations: The Faculty Council will request information from all teachers regarding your character. Students are not responsible for the character portion of the application.