**Grafton High School Chapter of the National Honor Society**

For those interested in applying for National Honor Society membership, please complete this application in its entirety. All applications **MUST BE TYPED in Times New Roman or Arial 12 point font &** presented in a formal manner such as a presentation portfolio or binder.

**Application for Membership**

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Selection Process

**Selection is based on leadership, character, service, and scholarship.  Please be thorough when completing this form. The selection committee bases its decision on this form and the Faculty Council review.** Following submission deadline, a Faculty Council will convene to select members for NHS. The Faculty Council consists of five voting faculty members appointed by Mrs. Shumaker. This council is unknown to anyone besides the council members themselves, Mrs. Shumaker, and Ms. Bell. The chapter adviser, Ms. Bell, will conduct the selection process as a **non-voting** member. The council will complete selections based on a point system for each section, so be sure to be as thorough as possible when filling out your application to ensure maximum amount of points. Once the selections are made, students will be notified on their acceptance or rejection by Ms. Bell. After acceptance, there will be an induction ceremony held for new members at a date that will be determined. It will take place the first or second week of October 2017.

General Student Guidelines

**Please Read Carefully**

**1.** It is the student's responsibility to submit a completed and fully documented form containing all the necessary signatures by the stipulated deadline. **All forms are due back to Ms. Bell by 3:00 pm Monday, September 17th.**

**2.** Based on the assumption that membership in the National Honor Society does indicate superior scholarship, character, leadership and service, it is expected that students will complete the application process displaying those very characteristics for which membership is being awarded. **It is not the responsibility of the selection committee or the advisor to ensure that candidates have fully completed and submitted their form. Parents/Guardians are required to sign the application and should ensure that they review their student’s application prior to signing.**

**3.** A notification letter will be sent home regarding selection. Induction Ceremony time and invitations will follow based on acceptance.

**4.** **DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION:**

* Make sure your application pages are secured together.
* Parent signature on final page.
* Under basic information you are required to put your grade point average. In order to be considered for membership, students **MUST HAVE A GPA of 3.5 or above.**
* Under Service, list **all** activities you have been involved in, beginning the summer BEFORE your freshman year through the current year. Include all activities in the event one or more is not accepted. One point will be given for each year of verified participation for leadership. A minimum of ten (10) points is required. Service requirements include participation in AT LEAST 5 different activities; a MINIMUM of 2 hours/activity is required. A minimum of 20 hours overall is required.
* Please attach (3) **SEALED Evaluation Recommendation Forms** (placed in unopened envelope) to your application using an envelope, paperclip, etc. These evaluations will be worth up to five points each. Please make sure name of student is written on each envelope.

* Turn in to Ms. Bell by Monday, September 17th by 3:00 pm. Applications submitted after this time will not be accepted.
* Please contact Ms. Bell if you have any questions at rachel.bell@k12.wv.us

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**Basic Information**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(First) (Middle) (Last)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

**Phone**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Year of Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** M F

**Scholarship Information**

**Scholarship** is a component that is placed upon high importance in National Honor Society. The below information is not considered in points for overall application, but to demonstrate your scholarship and give selection committee an idea of the challenging courses you have taken during your time as a high school student.

**Student’s Cumulative GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Students must have a 3.5 or above in order to be considered for membership

**Please list any higher level courses such as Honors or Advanced Placement that you have completed or are currently enrolled in your high school career** (this is not worth any points- just gives the committee an idea for how you have challenged yourself academically):

**Directions:** Please write in **all** necessary information. Reminder that application **MUST BE TYPED.**

**CHARACTER**: A person of character demonstrates the following **six** qualities: **respect, responsibility**, **trustworthiness, fairness, caring and citizenship.** The Faculty Council, which elects new National Honor Society members, looks at these characteristics in student applicants.

* You are required to have **three evaluation forms completed with your application**.
  + Two are required to be filled out by GHS teachers and one from an outside source from a person that is in a leadership position (CANNOT BE A FAMILY MEMBER). Each recommendation form must be signed and sealed by the recommender. Please make sure name of student is written on each envelope. Each recommendation is worth up to **5 points total.**
* In a detailed essay of 500 words or more, explain and elaborate on the importance of a minimum of three of the six qualities stated above and why it is vital to uphold these qualities as a member of National Honor Society. Please use personal experiences and examples to support your position.

**Each Recommendation Evaluation Form is worth up to 5 points.**

**Essay is out of 10 points.**

**LEADERSHIP:** Leadership is a necessary quality for membership of the GHS National Honor Society. In an essay of at least 500 words, please describe what unique leadership qualities and perspectives that you will bring to the Grafton NHS chapter. You may use personal experiences and examples of times you have been a leader to further elaborate on your response.

**Leadership Essay is worth up to 10 points.**

**SERVICE:** Service is a key component of being a member of National Honor Society and membership requires participation in many service projects and contributing to the betterment of the school & community. In the chart included in the application, please list all service activities that you have been involved in from Freshman year to the present.

**Service Component worth 10 points total.**

# SERVICE - Activities in the Community and/or Volunteering in and outside of School: Activities listed under this section should be activities done as a group or individually, which are performed for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (money or gifts) has been given. Activities not associated with the school, such as church groups, boys/girl scouts, or clubs sponsored outside of school WILL BE ACCEPTED.

# Place an “X” in the year(s) in which you participated in each activity. \_\_\_\_\_/10 points

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|  | **Activity and Explanation of Community Service** | **Number of hours completed** | | | | **Explanation of Service Responsibilities** | Adult Sponsor: SIGNATURE & Phone |
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**Certificates may be attached for awards and service (Copies ONLY)**

**STUDENT & PARENT VERIFICATION PAGE**

I understand that the completion of this NHS application **does not** guarantee membership, but that I am being **considered** for membership in the GHS National Honor Society. I confirm that this application has been reviewed by student **and** parent to ensure accuracy and completion. I understand that the NHS adviser is **NOT** included in the selection process, but selection is based off of a point system reviewed by the Faculty Selection Committee (comprised of a panel of teachers from various academic subjects).

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Student Signature Parent Signature

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Date Date