

## National Honor Society Application

Election to membership in the National Honor Society represents the highest honor and trust that can be bestowed upon a student in the junior or senior year of high school. The National Honor Society recognizes students for outstanding SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, and CHARACTER. Membership in the society is indicative that the student has attained and is demonstrating and promoting all of these qualities and is exerting an effort to improve conditions in the school and community.

Meeting the grade point average requirement of 3.2 is **not** the sole criteria for acceptance into the National Honor Society. You must provide evidence that you meet the qualifications of SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, CHARACTER, and SERVICE, as well as a grade point average of 3.2, to be eligible for membership.

### **Membership**

Membership in the Duke Ellington School of the Arts chapter of the National Honor Society is an honor bestowed upon a student who has demonstrated a high level of commitment and dedication to academics, arts and service. Selection for membership is by a faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for its benefits.

### **Selection of new members**

1. To be eligible for membership, the student must be a member of the junior or senior class. A student must have been in attendance at the school for an equivalent of one semester. The faculty council in consultation with the principal may waive this requirement.
2. A student must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or above - *no final grades of a D or F in any class.*
3. The candidate shall then be evaluated based on outstanding character, leadership, and service.
4. The selection of members to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council based on the materials submitted.
5. The chapter advisor will review the selection results with the principal before notifying any candidates. The National Council of the National Honor Society and the NASSP shall not review the judgment of the faculty council regarding the selection of members to local chapters.

**Applications will be submitted to National Honor Society advisor Mr. Andre Steward via email at [nhs@ellingtonarts.org](mailto:nhs@ellingtonarts.org) by February 12, 2021 at 6 p.m. EST. Pay special attention to the submission details as there will be no extensions.**

**Note: A file called Selection Rubric is included. You do not need to send that document with your application. It is for information only.**

- 1) **Document A:** The official application and parent signature sheet (3 pages)
- 2) **Document B:** Teacher recommendations (One academic teacher and One arts teacher) Ask your teachers to submit the document directly to [nhs@ellingtonarts.org](mailto:nhs@ellingtonarts.org) by February 12, 2021 at 6 p.m. EST. Teachers are NOT to return the recommendation to you. The application will be incomplete if the deadline is not met.

3) **Essay** (Submit as a .pdf document in the same email as your application)

Title: NHSESSAY.lastname

Essay prompt: The National Honor Society values scholarship, character, service, and leadership above other ideals. In a typed, double spaced, Times Roman, 12-point essay describe what those ideals mean to you. In addition, reflect on your strengths and weaknesses in relation to those ideals.

**4.) Official transcript and Community Service.** Transcripts and confirmation of service hours will be requested directly from Mrs. Reavis after a completed application is submitted and confirmed by Mr. Steward. You do not need to ask Mrs. Reavis for the documents. NOTE: Documents will not be requested for incomplete applications.

To guarantee document submission, we have opted not to use editable documents. Print your documents, complete, scan and email back to [nhs@ellingtonarts.org](mailto:nhs@ellingtonarts.org). You may reach Mr. Andre Steward at [andre.steward@k12.dc.gov](mailto:andre.steward@k12.dc.gov) with questions or concerns. NOTE: Mr. Steward will not extend deadlines, contact your teacher recommendation writers or share the selection process with students or parents.

#### **Submission checklist**

\_\_\_\_\_Application (3 pages)

\_\_\_\_\_Essay

\_\_\_\_\_Teacher recommendations (2)

#### **Tentative deadlines**

Application: February 12, 2021

Announcement of inductees: March 1, 2021

Induction ceremony: TBD