

# National Honor Society Information Meeting

Welcome!



# What is National Honor Society?

**National organization founded in 1921 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals**

## **Principals**

- **Four objectives:**
  - **To create enthusiasm for scholarship**
  - **To encourage development of character in the nation's secondary school students**
  - **To promote leadership**
  - **To encourage service**

# The Four Elements of NHS

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Scholarship

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Character

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Leadership

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Service

# Scholarship

The first step toward NHS membership is earning a weighted 3.7 (or higher) G.P.A., and participation in Honors, and Advanced Placement courses, and AP Exams.

# Character

Character is who you are  
when no one is  
watching...

(It's already established!)

# How is “Character” Determined?

Teachers or Sponsors complete confidential evaluations of student character.

Evaluations are based on classroom contact, extra-curricular activity participation, social media persona, and personal observation.

Attendance

Discipline records. This includes violations with plagiarism and cheating.

# Leadership

Leadership includes being elected or selected to work in a **LEADERSHIP** role.

Club officer

A chairperson for a committee

A representative on a church, parish, or school council

A marching band squad leader

A Scout Patrol leader

A class officer

A concert band section leader

A choir officer

A student council representative

A leadership Camp Youth Staff member

An Athletic team captain

Lead organizer of fundraising event

# Service

Service includes volunteer activities for which you DO NOT receive any type of compensation such as a salary or school credit.

Fundraising

Civic activities

Tutoring

Teaching Sunday School

Volunteering at the public library

Church related mission trips

Volunteering at elementary schools

Helping with Eagle Scout/Girl Scout projects

Volunteering at a hospital/nursing home



And now,  
on to.....  
the NHS  
Application

- ▶ Email and attach PDF of application
- ▶ Send to Mrs. Pendergrass
- ▶ Due Date: Monday, October 27, 2023
  
- ▶ Submit by 3pm
  
- ▶ Please direct questions to:
- ▶ Mrs. Pendergrass
- ▶ [stefanipendergrass@cusd.com](mailto:stefanipendergrass@cusd.com)
- ▶ Michelle Beakes
- ▶ [michellebeakes@cusd.com](mailto:michellebeakes@cusd.com)

# Online NHS Application

## ▶ The Buchanan National Honor Society Application:

- ▶ BHS Website
- ▶ Co-Curricular
- ▶ Academic Clubs
- ▶ NHS
- ▶ Download the packet as a PDF. Don't change the format. (doesn't work well with a MAC)

# NHS Application

- ▶ The NHS Student Application gives you the opportunity to document examples of your leadership abilities.
- ▶ Examples of your own service to the school and community.

# Tips about the Packet

- ▶ You are one of over 300 eligible students, present yourself in the BEST way possible.
- ▶ Watch for grammatical errors.
- ▶ Do not over report your volunteer hours of service.
- ▶ Review the application before you turn in your spell-checked, well-written, Buchanan NHS Application.
- ▶ Make a copy for your own records!

# Packet

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STUDENT INFORMATION/ACTIVITIES APPLICATION

Incomplete information or failure to follow directions in any way may jeopardize your selection. In addition, if selected as a member, you must understand fully that you are subject to dismissal from NHS if you do not maintain the standards of scholarship, leadership, service, and character that were used as a basis for your selection.

Name  Grade   
Address   
Parent(s)/Guardian(s)   
Counselor

*I certify that to the best of my knowledge, all information included is accurate and correct, and that I have reviewed and understood the packet information.*

*Student Signature*

*Parent/Guardian Signature*

☐ Check here if you have previously applied to BHS National Honor Society.

☐ I understand that past and or future acts of plagiarism or other Ed. Code violations could result in denial or dismissal of NHS membership.

**Due Date: MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023**  
**Application Turn-In: PDF in an email to Mrs. Pendergrass**  
**Please direct any questions regarding NHS to Mrs. Pendergrass:**  
**[stefanipendergrass@cusd.com](mailto:stefanipendergrass@cusd.com)**

## A Final Note....

- ▶ Membership in the National Honor Society is a privilege, not a right.
- ▶ Members are expected to uphold the four elements of the organization throughout high school and beyond.
- ▶ Failure to uphold these elements based on behavior, attendance, could mean dismissal from NHS.
- ▶ All students will be notified of their status via email. If you are not selected for membership schedule a meeting with Mrs. Pendergrass and Mrs. Beakes to provide feedback as to what areas might need improvement for subsequent years.

# Last Reminder...

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