

Criteria for Selection into Garaway National Honor Society

Selection into the Garaway NHS is based on four pillars of the National Honor Society. They are defined as follows:

- **Scholarship**
Per national guidelines, at a minimum, students must have a cumulative GPA of 85, B, 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standard of excellence. (Each school chapter is allowed to require a higher cumulative GPA.)
- **Service**
This involves voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation.
- **Leadership**
Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.
- **Character**
The student of good character is cooperative; demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; and generally maintains a clean disciplinary record.

The Scholarship requirement adopted by Garaway High School NHS is a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.7 or higher. Only juniors and seniors who meet this requirement are invited to apply for membership. The pillars of Service, Leadership and Character will be evaluated through the submitted application* of students who seek membership. Student selection will be based upon:

- A list of all community service hours (verified with signatures)
- A list of all leadership positions and/or activities (verified with signatures)
- Two community member references (both unrelated to the applicant and one not affiliated with school activities)
- Garaway faculty/staff evaluation and feedback on the applicant
- Completed essay: *In your opinion, what is the purpose of the Garaway National Honor Society? What do you believe your role is as a member of the Garaway National Honor Society?*

Applicants must demonstrate outstanding principles of leadership, character and service based on their volunteerism in multiple areas. While many students who apply exhibit these qualities, the selection committee focuses on students who go above and beyond the norm.

**Failure to complete any part of the application process will result in the committee not considering student for membership*

Rubric for Selection into Garaway National Honor Society

The selection committee of anonymous faculty members will use the following rubric for selection purposes. The minimum requirement for induction to the National Honor Society is 9 points. The decision of the committee shall be determined by a majority vote and is final.

Pillar	0	1	2	3
Leadership - Part A	Receives average score of 0.0 upon evaluation of school and community professionals in the area of Leadership.	Receives average score of 0.1-1.0 upon evaluation of school and community professionals in the area of Leadership.	Receives average score of 1.1-2.0 upon evaluation of school and community professionals in the area of Leadership.	Receives average score of 2.1-3.0 upon evaluation of school and community professionals in the area of Leadership.
Leadership - Part B	Concentrates solely on academics; does not join extracurricular events.	Belongs to one club or activity but may not actively participate in it on a regular basis.	Participates in one or two activities with emphasis in one area (i.e. school clubs, music, sports, community, or church).	Has a diverse interest in school and community activities with membership in two or more areas (school clubs, music, sports, community, church).
Character	Receives average score of 0.0 upon evaluation of school and community professionals in the area of Character.	Receives average score of 0.1-1.0 upon evaluation of school and community professionals in the area of Character.	Receives average score of 1.1-2.0 upon evaluation of school and community professionals in the area of Character.	Receives average score of 2.1-3.0 upon evaluation of school and community professionals in the area of Character.
Service	Has completed less than 10 hours of community service with the majority in only one area.	Has completed at least 10 hours of community service with the majority in one area.	Has completed at least 15 hours of community service in 2 or more areas (school, community, church) and those hours are not a requirement of belonging to another activity.	Has completed at least 20 hours of community service in 2 or more areas (school, community, church) and those hours are not a requirement of belonging to another activity.

Obligations of Inducted National Honor Society Members

Inducted members are obligated to fulfill the following:

- **Maintaining Standards:** Once Selected, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected as published in the description of the local selection process.
- **Meetings:** Members are required to attend regular meetings. In addition, officers should work closely with the advisor to ensure the agenda is well thought out and planned for.
- **Chapter Service Projects:** All members are expected to participate in planned service projects.

Any member found in violation of the above obligations may be considered for dismissal.