

GARAWAY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



The National Honor Society is more than just an honor roll. The Honor Society chapter establishes rules for membership that are based upon a student's outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These criteria for selection form the foundation upon which the organization and its activities are built.

Scholarship: *Junior (5 semesters) and senior (7 semesters) students who have a cumulative weighted grade point average of 3.7 or higher meet the scholarship requirement for membership. These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, and character.*

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.*

Leadership: *Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, and dependable persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others*

Character: *The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.*

You have met the standard of scholarship and now the standards of character, leadership, and service will be reviewed. To be considered, the following items MUST be completed:

- Completed application with parent and student signatures*
- Completed essay*
- 2 [community member references](#) (both unrelated to the applicant and one not affiliated with school activities; print 2 and supply school-addressed, stamped envelope)*

Complete the application and staple in order. Turn into Mrs. O'Farrell's office by 2:30 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024.

Student Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
Grade	
Parent(s) Names	

Signature Form

I understand that I am being considered for membership in the National Honor Society but that completion of this form does not guarantee acceptance. I will accept the decision of the faculty council charged with selecting the members and that the reasons for non-selection will not be released. I also verify that the information provided here is complete and accurate.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I do hereby give my consent that any and all written records created, used or maintained by the school in connection with the process of selection of candidates to become members of the Garaway National Honor Society shall remain confidential from my child and myself. I also verify that I have read my son's or daughter's completed application and can verify that it is true, accurate and complete. Inaccurate representation of information will lead to automatic disqualification from the National Honor Society selection process.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Membership in the National Honor Society entails a commitment. Apply for membership only if you are willing to attend meetings and participate in planned NHS activities.

List all activities in which you have participated during high school in the appropriate section. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and major accomplishments or awards in each. Do not be modest. Every bit of information can be used by the faculty council to assist with the selection process. Please keep the following in mind:

- *Include activities you know you will participate in during this school year. For example, if you know you will participate in track but the season hasn't begun, please include it.*
- *Service activities are those which are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given.*
- *You must obtain the signature of the adult who can verify your participation in each activity. Activities not verified with sponsor signatures will not be considered.*

LEADERSHIP

I. School Clubs

9 10 11 12 *Advisor Signature*

	9	10	11	12	<i>Advisor Signature</i>

II. School Athletics

9 10 11 12 *Coach Signature*

	9	10	11	12	<i>Coach Signature</i>

III. School Music/Arts

9 10 11 12 *Director Signature*

	9	10	11	12	<i>Director Signature</i>

IV. Community/Church Organizations

9 10 11 12 *Sponsor Signature*

	9	10	11	12	<i>Sponsor Signature</i>

V. Elected Offices/ Awards/Recognition

9 10 11 12 *Sponsor Signature*

	9	10	11	12	<i>Sponsor Signature</i>

VI. Employment	Avg Hrs/Wk	9	10	11	12	Employer Signature

COMMUNITY SERVICE

VII. Community Service/Volunteer Work	Total Hrs	9	10	11	12	Sponsor Signature

IX. Essay/Personal Statement

The objectives of the National Honor Society are to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in all students at Garaway High School. Membership in this society is a great honor, not a right. This organization looks upon education as a product measured by four standards: scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

Your personal statement is a very important part of the application process in that it helps the faculty council become acquainted with you in ways different from courses, grades, test scores, and other objective data. It also enables you to demonstrate your ability to organize thoughts and express yourself. In your own words, explain how you personally have displayed leadership qualities in your activities and experiences and how these will help you to be a contributing member of the Garaway NHS.

Type your essay on the next page.