



**MIDDLETON HIGH SCHOOL  
CHAPTER OF NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**



**General Application Information**

- All upcoming juniors and seniors who have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.75 or above may apply for admission to the **MIDDLETON HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**.
- Notice of eligibility will be emailed to those who meet the GPA requirement.
- Application forms can be found on the school website or from the advisor for those students who meet the GPA requirement and have received an invitation to apply via email.
- Admission is not automatic. In addition to having the required GPA, applicants must demonstrate significant accomplishment and/or participation in all areas indicated on the application form. It is necessary to have some accomplishments in each area. Completion of the application does not guarantee selection.
- Do not reuse the same information in two different sections. For example if you have been a peer tutor, use it for Leadership if you have other examples to use for Service, but fewer Leadership activities.
- **Completed applications are due by Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to Mrs. McGhee.** Late applications **will not** be accepted.
- All activities, accomplishments, etc. included in the application must have taken place during high school. Do not include anything that occurred before you were in high school.
- Make sure your application is neat and legible.
- Applications will not be considered without Student and Parent signatures.



**MIDDLETON HIGH SCHOOL**



## NHS APPLICATION

**Selection Criteria:** Selection for membership is by a Faculty Council who judge a student's demonstration of the following: **Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character**. Each quality will receive a score from 1-5; a score of 30 is the highest total possible. Students must score a total of at least 21 points to be selected. In addition, any student with a score lower than 3 in any one category will not be eligible for membership. A student's school disciplinary records and any criminal offences (i.e. MIP, DUI) will affect the character score. Any student who does not score high enough on the rubric will be allowed to reapply the following year as long as he or she still maintains an eligible GPA. He or she will also receive feedback on necessary areas of improvement.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION (Please type or print):**

a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Year in School (circle one):      Junior      Senior

### **I. SCHOLARSHIP: (5 points):**

Students will need to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75 in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 to be eligible to apply for NHS membership. You must maintain a 3.75 GPA or you will lose your membership status.

Cumulative High School GPA : \_\_\_\_\_ (5 points)

### **II. LEADERSHIP (5 points):**

Students will have successfully assumed responsibility and demonstrated constructive initiative in the classroom, at work, and in school or community activities. You must have been or currently are an officer for at least one year of an

organization such as: Class Officer, FFA, FCCLA, Student Council Rep, 4-H, Boy Scouts, Church Youth Group, etc. Leadership activities can be drawn from school or community activities. Examples might include: club officers, student government, sports team captain, peer tutoring, Eagle Scout, 4-H, Bible School teacher, manager or crew leader in a workplace, teacher aid, and so forth.

Complete the following chart with evidence of your leadership. **Include the name and signature of the adult supervising your leadership position in the space provided.** If the adult sponsor is outside of school, provide a phone number.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY	9	10	11	12	LEADERSHIP POSITION HELD	SIGNATURE/NAME OF ADULT ADVISOR
Example: Student Council	X	X			Student Council Representative	

**III. SERVICE**

You will be required to have a total of **20 Service Hours** each calendar year which must be a combination of School and Community Service. You must have a minimum of **10 hours of school service** hours **AND** a minimum of **10 hours of community service**.

**a. SCHOOL SERVICE (5 points):**

These activities are organized by an advisor of a school affiliated organization. Examples of **school service activities**: helping with activities that raise money for a school sponsored activity, helping with a community project/benefit representing a school sponsored group (example:FFA, Student Council, FCCLA, Envirothon, etc.), working the concession stand for for a school group, etc. Any hours worked for which pay is received do not count.

SCHOOL SERVICE ACTIVITY	9	10	11	12	NUMBER OF HOURS	MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS	SIGNATURE OF ADULT ADVISOR
Example: Concessions		X			2	Worked Concessions stand to raise money for Envirothon	

**b. COMMUNITY SERVICE (5 points):**

List community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment or leadership positions held in each. These must be activities outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community, not for compensation. They **are not** activities that are organized by a school staff member. **Examples include:** Helping with Bible school, 4-H, Boy or Girl Scouts, community benefits/activities, raking someone’s lawn without compensation, getting a group of friends together to clean the playground, identifying and doing a community need that you are not asked to do.

Examples of major accomplishments would be the attainment of Eagle Scout within the scouting organization, 4-H Ambassador, etc.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY	9	10	11	12	NUMBER OF HOURS	MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS	NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL OF ADULT SPONSOR
Example: Food Drive for Food Bank		X			2	Collected food in the community during Youth Group	

**IV. CHARACTER:**

Character is not based solely on personality nor upon minor incidents unless they are repeated so as to indicate a specific pattern of behavior.

- Promptly meets individual pledges and responsibilities.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty, reliability, fairness and civility.
- Adheres to school rules and regulations (i.e., attendance, tardiness, truancy, academic honesty, conduct, etc.) as well as all civic laws.

**a. Personal References (5 points):**

A student demonstrates character by upholding principles of morality and ethics, acting cooperatively, maintaining high standards of honesty and reliability, showing concern, courtesy, and respect for others, and generally maintaining a good and clean lifestyle. A student’s school disciplinary records and any criminal offences (i.e. MIP, DUI) will affect the character score.

Please have TWO different adults sign this form attesting to your character and demonstration of the attributes listed above. Adults should not be relatives of the applicant. One adult must be from within the Middleton School District.

NAME	YEARS KNOWN	CAPACITY	PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL	SIGNATURE
(1)				
(2)				

**b. Personal Statement (5 points):**

Perhaps the most difficult area to evaluate for selection of members is that of character. The last section of your application is a personal statement which should contain no more than **250 words**. Use your personal statement as an opportunity to express your core values and beliefs describing how you display character. Explain how those values support your academic success and service to others. Spelling, grammar and neatness along with quality of response will be part of the evaluation process. **This is to be written only by the applicant.**

## AFFIRMATION OF EXPECTATIONS

National Honor Society is a service organization. Membership is a highly sought after honor, but it requires commitment to the ideals of the organization. **Your acceptance of membership will indicate your willingness to participate in National Honor Society sponsored activities, service projects and meetings.** To maintain membership in NHS, you must maintain your GPA, fulfill your service hour requirements, be a good leader, show good character and abide by the National Honor Society bylaws. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in dismissal from the National Honor Society. If your behavior in school requires disciplinary action, your membership may be revoked.

I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I AM ACCEPTED INTO THE MIDDLETON HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER OF NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, I WILL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND GROUP MEETINGS, MAINTAIN MY GPA, PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN GROUP SERVICE PROJECTS AND ABIDE BY OUR CHAPTER BY-LAWS AS WELL AS ALL SCHOOL RULES AND CIVIC LAWS. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN MY DISMISSAL FROM NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY.

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Student Signature

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Date

**PARENT REVIEW AND CONSENT:** I have reviewed my son/daughter's application and affirm that it is correct. I give my consent for my son/daughter to apply for membership in the MIDDLETON HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER of the NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY.

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Parent Signature

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Date