

Waconia National Honor Society

Academic Year: 2022-2023

Application for Admission

Please complete the following requirements before applying to Waconia National Honor Society. **Sophomore and Junior students are eligible to apply.** Once the application is turned in, it becomes the property of the NHS Committee and NHS Advisors. Shortly after the applications are due, the NHS Committee meets. The group discusses the qualifications and standards that indicate a strong NHS candidate. No one outside the NHS Committee is allowed to see the packets or scores, including candidates or parents. The list of those students the NHS Committee recommends for induction is given to the NHS Advisors and WHS Administrative team. They check the list to make sure that each candidate is a “citizen in good standing” at Waconia High School. Students are then notified of their pending status via a personal letter. If a student is not recommended for induction into NHS, the NHS Committee encourages the candidate to continue to develop themselves in the four areas of NHS and to become a candidate again in the future if they are a sophomore. In this situation, the NHS application process will begin anew, with new volunteer experiences and leadership points for a student’s junior year.

Note: Changes to this application are possible due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Please join the **NHS Interest Group** on Schoology, where communication will be provided regarding potential changes, as well as volunteer opportunities. Use this code to join: ***XMNXN-MQ7TT***

ALL PRINTED APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO

Mrs. Von Glan (B210,) or Ms. Niemczyk

by Friday, March 31, 2023

No applications will be considered after this date

Application Questions? nvonglan@isd110.org or kniemczyk@isd110.org

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____



Scholarship

To be eligible for Waconia NHS membership students must prove a **3.55 GPA** at the end of the 2nd trimester of the year of application. **Attach a current Waconia High School transcript from Infinite Campus and highlight or circle all AP courses and Cumulative GPA.**

Service

Waconia NHS defines service as the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit. Students must provide the required documentation of **at least 40 service hours** to be eligible for Waconia NHS membership. The NHS Committee encourages participation in a variety of volunteer activities and emphasizes that service hours goes **above and beyond** normal community or school involvement. **Please note the following regarding service hours:*

- Parent Signatures are NOT accepted for any service hours completed. Individual projects, please provide photographs
- Feed My Starving Children: please include the yellow slip of paper that documents your time or the printed digital confirmation
- America Read will count towards service hours but not Leadership Points
- Mission Trips & Summer Camps: up to 20 hours will be accepted for these service activities
- Avoid using any volunteering from the **Leadership Category** for this Service Category (AKA “double-dipping”). This now includes youth camps organized by a WHS team (i.e. youth volleyball camp) or other activities your WHS team organizes or is volunteering in.

ACTIVITY	ORGANIZATION	MONTH / YEAR	TOTAL HOURS	SUPERVISOR PRINTED NAME	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE	SUPERVISOR PHONE/EMAIL

Accomplishments or Contributions:

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Total Service Hours: _____

*Attach additional sheet with same formatting if needed for all required hours.

Essay Question: Reflect on one-two service activities you completed in the past year. Be detailed in how you contributed and how your service bettered the community in which you live. Your response should be typed and approximately 300 words in length.

Leadership

Student leaders are persons who display influence and initiative; they are those who are resourceful, dependable, good problem solvers, and promoters of school and/or community activities. Leadership points are accepted for **spring activities documented from the past school year, not the current.** This is due to the fact that applications are due at the beginning of the spring activity season. **For example, if a sophomore is applying and that student played softball as a freshman, then it should be included as an activity below. If that same sophomore did not play a spring sport as a freshman but is currently enrolled in softball as a sophomore - that activity cannot be included below.*

→ **Dance Update: Studio Dance = 1 point per style of dance, with a max. of 6 dance points total. Can couple w/ WHS Dance Team w/ same max. of 6**

Boys Football	4	Boys and Girls Cross Country	4	Jazz Band	4
Student Council Member	3	Marching Band	4	Show Choir	4
Boys and Girls Soccer	4	Boys and Girls Tennis	4	International & Art Club	2
Boys Wrestling	4	Girls WHS Dance Team	4	Science Club	1
Boys and Girls Golf	4	Girls Volleyball	4	Conservation Club	2
Boys and Girls Swimming	4	Boys and Girls Hockey	4	Robotics Club	2
Boys and Girls Basketball	4	Girls WHS Gymnastics	4	Fashion Club	1
Boys and Girls Track	4	Boys and Girls Alpine Skiing	4	Unified Club (each sport)	1
Boys & Girls Lacrosse	4	WHS Softball & Baseball	4	WHS Breakfast Book Club	1
Studio Dance (per style, max of 6)	1	Club Sport / AAU (1 club team / sport)	2	Sports managers	2
Fall Musical	4	Yearbook	4	Advisor board member	1
3-Act Play	4	FCCLA	4	Pep Band	0
Speech Team	4	4H	2	Girl & Boy Scouts	2
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	2	Prom Committee	1	Weight Lifting (Letter)	4
Newspaper, The Paw Print	2			Others (see Advisors for approval)	TBD

**Captain, Editor, or Club organizational officer 1 additional point awarded*

For membership consideration in the Waconia NHS, students must complete a leadership essay and record examples of their leadership within the school or community on the table below. **(10 Activity points minimum)**

Please reflect on leadership roles undertaken since the beginning of your sophomore year. Provide a supervisor name and signature for each organization under which you were active and/or a leader.

TITLE OR POSITION	Point Value	RESPONSIBILITIES/ ACCOMPLISHMENTS	MONTH/ YEAR	SUPERVISOR PRINTED NAME	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE	SUPERVISOR PHONE/EMAIL

Essay Question: Describe a specific time when you exercised leadership. Discuss the challenges you faced and the results you achieved. What characteristics helped you to be effective, and what areas do you feel you need to develop in order to be a better leader? Your response should be typed and approximately 300 words in length.

Character

A student of good character, as it pertains to National Honor Society, is defined as an individual who upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, and shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others. Waconia NHS includes the values of citizenship, generosity, integrity, environmentalism, human worth and dignity, respect for others, and responsibility as components to good character.

As part of your application for Waconia NHS, **please answer one of the following essay questions**. Your response should be typed and approximately 300 words in length.

1. Describe a time when you “did the right thing” at the risk of being unpopular or facing consequences.
2. Have you ever helped anyone feel accepted in an awkward situation? How? Has anyone ever helped you?
3. How have you changed over the past year? Have you changed for the better?
4. Describe a time when you went far above the call of a situation without expectation of reward or recognition.
5. Have you ever been able to resolve a conflict between two people? How did you do it?

Teacher Surveys

Teacher surveys are designed to provide the NHS Committee with feedback regarding your scholarship, service, leadership and character from sources that know you well and have had the opportunity to observe these qualities first-hand. Please consider carefully and find ***two (2) WHS teachers*** who have observed you in class for at least one complete term, and who are willing to complete a teacher survey. Then provide this shareable URL to your chosen teachers, to be submitted by the application’s due date: <https://forms.gle/6Y5urAEM4h3xDepf8>

Parent/Guardian Signature

I have read the information provided by my son/daughter in this application, and I verify that it is true, accurate and complete in its presentation.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Signature

I understand that completing this form does not guarantee selection to Waconia NHS. I do hereby declare that the information presented in this application, to the best of my knowledge, is true, accurate, and verifiable. If accepted into NHS, I agree to follow the rules of the organization and will continue to live up to its standards.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Checklist

- Current high school transcript from Infinite Campus. Circle or highlight all AP courses and Cumulative GPA.
- Service Hours Form completed with supervisors signatures and contact information.
- Leadership Form completed with supervisors signatures and contact information.
- 3 Typed Essays (Service, Leadership, & Character) of 300 words each. Can be labeled on one document.
- Two (2) Teacher Surveys (Google Form URL provided above)
- Parent/Guardian and Applicant Signature