

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY APPLICATION

Your application must be turned in to Room 411 by Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 3:20 p.m. There is NO exception to this deadline!

## General Information

- 1) As a member of NHS, you will be required to attend monthly meetings and to accumulate a minimum of 10 service hours per semester. If you are unwilling to do these things, please do not apply.
- 2) Your GPA will be checked at the end of the semester. If you fail to meet the requirement (a cumulative GPA of 3.6), your application will not be considered. Your GPA will also be checked at the end of each subsequent semester. If you fail to meet the necessary GPA at the end of a semester, you will be placed on probation for one semester. If at that time you still fail to meet the GPA requirement, you will be dismissed from NHS.
- 3) Any violation of the laws of the State of Indiana, the rules of the school, and/or the constitution of NHS will be grounds for dismissal. This includes the use of drugs or alcohol, as well as attendance at a function where drugs/alcohol/tobacco are being used.
- 4) Zionsville Community High School is implementing a program next school year called "Pay to Participate." You will be required to pay \$30 in order to be a member of a club. This \$30 is a one-time fee and allows you to be a member of as many clubs as you desire. This fee must be paid to the school before you can officially be considered a member of NHS. This money goes to the school, not to NHS. It will likely be collected during registration in August.

On top of the \$30 fee, all members are required to pay dues to be in NHS, which are \$20. This money is used to pay our annual dues to keep the Zionsville (Eagle-Union) chapter, certificates and pins for the induction ceremony, and for cords for graduation. This money will be collected at our first meeting of the 2016-2017 school year.

- 5) You will be notified regarding acceptance at the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

## Instructions

- 1) Fill out the information sheet. You must fill out all parts of the form. If any part is not filled out, you will not be considered for membership. This form can be found on the home page of the ZCHS website. If you have any trouble viewing/printing this form, email Mrs. Busick at [cbusick@zcs.k12.in.us](mailto:cbusick@zcs.k12.in.us) and she can send you the form via email.
- 2) Read the National Honor Society Constitution and Bylaws. These can be found on the home page of the ZCHS website.
- 3) Sign the contract and have your parent/guardian also sign the contract. Once again, this can be found on the home page of the ZCHS website.
- 4) Provide three activity sponsors with the teacher, sponsor, and coach recommendation form to evaluate your character, leadership skills and service qualities. You must also provide them with an envelope with your name written on it. Two of the 3 activities must be school-

sponsored activities. These activities must be ones in which you are currently involved or were involved in during this school year. When the sponsors have completed the evaluation form, they will return it to you in a sealed envelope with their signature over the seal. If their evaluation forms are not in sealed and signed envelopes, it will negatively affect your score. Where can you find the teacher, sponsor, and coach recommendation form? I bet it's on the home page of the ZCHS website!

\*\*\*Do not choose an activity in which you participate only because of some benefit to you. For example, if you get extra credit in your science class for helping to clean up the courtyard, that cannot count as one of your activities.

5) Provide three high school classroom teachers with the teacher, sponsor, and coach recommendation form to evaluate your character, leadership skills and service qualities. You must also provide them with an envelope with your name written on it. When they have completed the evaluation form, they will return it to you in a sealed envelope with their signature over the seal. If their evaluation forms are not in sealed and signed envelopes, it will negatively affect your score.

\*\*\*Do not ask the same individual to fill out two recommendation forms. For example, if Mr. Smith is your baseball coach and your science teacher, do not have Mr. Smith fill out a teacher recommendation form and an activity sponsor recommendation form.

\*\*\*Do not ask two teachers from the same subject area to fill out recommendations forms. For example, if you are currently taking Geometry and Algebra II, do not turn in a recommendation form for both classes. We want to see that you are a well-rounded student!

\*\*\*Be sure that you give your teachers a "teacher recommendation form" and your activity sponsors an "activity sponsor recommendation form." The forms are different, so handing out the wrong form will negatively affect your score.

\*\*\*If you are a student aide for a teacher, you can count that as a school-sponsored activity. Give that teacher an activity recommendation form though, not a teacher recommendation form.

- 6) Turn in the following items to Mrs. Busick in room 411 by 3:20 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24th.
- a) completed information sheet
  - b) signed contract
  - c) recommendation letters from teachers and sponsors (in sealed and signed envelopes)

When you turn in the above items, please have them bound together in some fashion. You can use a large envelope, for example. You can also use a folder or large clip.

**It is very important that you follow all of the directions on this sheet! If you do not, your application into NHS may be compromised.**