

National Honor Society Selection Criteria 2021-22

The Stepney-Stiles Chapter of the National Honor Society at Rocky Hill High School follows national guidelines for selection of its student members. In addition, the local chapter has guidelines in place to assist us in objectively awarding membership to students.

Membership in the National Honor Society is based on four areas: Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service. Each of these is further clarified in our local policy.

Scholarship - All juniors and seniors who have attended Rocky Hill High School for at least **1 SEMESTER** and have maintained a cumulative **GPA OF 3.67** as of the September marking period of the year for which they are being considered.

Service: *Each student must have been involved by the start of the school year, **DOCUMENTED** service projects of at least **10** total hours. **5 of which MUST give back to the Rocky Hill Public School community.** These specific hours can be in the form of tutoring, volunteering time to read to Rocky Hill students, school based activities, assisting teachers, etc. If you are unsure of what counts towards these hours, please contact your adviser. Documentation must be provided for your service to be considered. Service projects do **not** include school activities (Lend-A-Paw, Community Service Club, intern hours for the science department or guidance, etc...) **Also, these expected hours are IN ADDITION TO the school's community service hours.**

Leadership: Each student **must currently belong to two** or more **Rocky Hill High School** organizations (one of which is not a sport), show responsibility, and inspire positive behavior in others.

Character: Student is willing to assist classmates and faculty members; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness in obligations both inside and outside the classroom. Incidents of academic dishonesty of either level as defined in the Rocky Hill High School Handbook, violating school regulations, including excessive tardiness, or civil violations within the community **will** jeopardize selection.

All students with a GPA of 3.67, who have attended RHHS for at least one semester, will be notified by mail of their scholastic eligibility and invited to a meeting with the NHS Faculty Advisor. At that time they will be given student resumes to complete, asked to submit **TWO RECOMMENDATION FORMS** in a timely manner, and the duties and obligations of NHS will be explained.

Concurrently, the faculty will be asked to rate the eligible students in the areas of character, leadership, and service.

When all of this information is collected, the NHS faculty council will meet to review and vote for membership. The RHHS faculty council consists of five staff members appointed by the principal. The NHS Advisor is a sixth, non-voting member

Students chosen for membership are then notified and invited, along with their families, to an induction ceremony.

Students not accepted for membership are notified and asked to speak with the faculty advisor for clarification and possible suggestions.

Steps to Follow:

Summer:

- Complete 10 hours of community service, 5 of which must be Rocky Hill Public School based and 5 of which are student choice. NOTE: for the 2021-2022 school year, the 5 Rocky Hill Hours can be community based rather than school based.
- Keep a personal community service log with contact information.

Start of 2021-2022 School Year:

- Ask two teachers to complete a recommendation form via Google Forms
 - A link to a Google Form will be shared with all teachers - all you need to do is ask the teachers and follow-up on your request.
- Complete the New Inductee Accomplishment Form by **Friday, September 24th**.

Soon after, you will receive notification of your status. Students who are admitted will attend a MANDATORY induction ceremony in October.