



The Burlington School Chapter of the **National Honor Society**

Application for year 2019 to 2020



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The **National Honor Society (NHS)** is a national organization serving secondary schools for the purpose of creating enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulating a desire to render service, promoting strength in leadership, and developing character in students. The organization is administered by officers at the state and national levels. The NHS website is <http://www.nhs.us> The Burlington School has been awarded a local chapter which became effective on October 12, 2011. TBS has appointed Dr. Fasan as the Chapter Advisor.

Chapter membership decisions will be based upon the candidate's proof of scholarship, service, leadership and character. They will also be based on how well the candidates embody the mission of The Burlington School. These characteristics are defined as follows.

Scholarship: In order to be eligible to apply to NHS, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 90 in each of the five core classes (English, Math, Science, History, Foreign Language) over the course of their entire high school career, through their most recently completed trimester prior to application. All other courses must be passed with an 85 or above each trimester. Courses graded on a pass/fail basis (such as E-mersion and SAT Prep) must be passed.

Service: In order to be selected for NHS, a student must show a commitment to and passion for serving others and making the community around them a better place. This should be demonstrated through community service that goes above and beyond the hours required by TBS, and should include service both to the school as well as to the greater community outside school.

Leadership: In order to be selected for NHS, a student must demonstrate a commitment to and a passion for leadership. This should include both formal leadership roles as well as informal roles such as being a role model in the classroom. An ideal candidate for NHS is active in multiple organizations, both in and outside of TBS.

Character: In order to be selected for NHS, a student must demonstrate the following six qualities of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Additionally, candidates must generally maintain a clean disciplinary record and should show maturity and growth from any issues or setbacks they encounter.

Application Procedure

A candidate must be a sophomore or junior as determined by TBS and have completed at least two trimesters at TBS. Candidates will appear before at least two members of the NHS Faculty Council for interviews. The Faculty Council will recommend its decisions to Mr. Ronnie, Wall, Head of School, who will give final approval of all applicants.

To determine eligibility, students must first request a transcript. If eligible to apply, students must then complete the attached candidate form and return it to Dr. Fasan no later than 4:00 pm on March 22nd. Please also make sure to include the signature of a parent or guardian below.

Appeals Process

If a candidate is not admitted to NHS, the student must appeal by letter stating the reasons for the appeal. Appeals must be addressed to the faculty advisor and are due by 4:00 pm on April 12th or they will not be considered. The Faculty Council will make its recommendation to the Head of School who will have final say in all appeals.

Questions regarding the application process should be addressed to:

Mason Connolly, NHS President, masonc@theburlingtonschool.org

Dr. Fasan, NHS Faculty Advisor, jfasan@theburlingtonschool.org

I have read the above description of NHS, the application and the appeals process.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____



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CANDIDATE FORM

Name: Last, First, Middle

Class Grade: ____ 10 ____ 11

Date of enrollment in TBS Month/Year: ____/____

Community Service Hours: Include all hours completed up to present:

____ 9 ____ 10 ____ 11

*Hours not documented for our TBS requirement should be validated by the responsible adult involved with the service hours and included with this form. A simple statement of involvement with a signature is sufficient.

List Area of Service

Provide information about your role of involvement.

9th grade:

10th grade:

11th grade (if applicable):

List Leadership Experience

Provide examples of responsibilities.

9th grade:

10th grade:

11th grade (if applicable):

Written Statement

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The National Honor Society’s purpose is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools.

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The Burlington School discovers in each child personal integrity, intellectual curiosity, and social responsibility, builds excellence in academics, art, and athletics, and helps each student become confident and uniquely successful in school and in life.

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Please answer both of the following:

1. **Statement of Purpose:** In 500-1000 words, reflect on how your life experiences exemplify the National Honor Society’s purpose **and** The Burlington School’s mission.
2. **Statement of Intent:** In approximately 250 words, explain how National Honor Society is important to you and why you want to become a member.

***In your Statement of Purpose please explain if you have ever been asked to appear before the Honor Council and/or the Dean of Students for a disciplinary matter.**

A “yes” answer does not automatically disqualify your candidacy for NHS.

Responses should be typed and attached to the form.

Transcript Request Form

Complete the following and submit to the Registrar, Mrs. Debbie Strickland, by March 11th at 10:00 am.

Please make available a copy of my current TBS transcript and any other high school transcripts provided to TBS in the admissions process for the purpose of applying for The Burlington School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Today's Date _____
