

Gates Chili High School
National Honor Society
CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

Dear Student:

It is that time of year when the NHS council nominates students who may be eligible for selection to the Gates Chili Chapter of the National Honor Society. NHS is a prestigious organization and is highly selective. The faculty council nominates students based on the following criteria:

- Be a Junior or Senior
- Must have attended Gates Chili for at least one semester

SCHOLARSHIP

- Have a weighted grade point average of at least 92

LEADERSHIP- the student who exercises leadership:

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles and making suggestions
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
- Exercises positive influence on peers upholding school ideals
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- Is able to delegate responsibilities
- Exemplifies positive attitudes; inspires positive behavior in others
- Demonstrates academic initiative
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility; conducts business effectively and efficiently
- Demonstrates reliability and dependability
- Is a leader in the classroom, at work, and in other school or community activities
- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal attitude

SERVICE- the student who serves:

- Volunteers and provides dependable and well organized assistance, is gladly available and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult responsibilities
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition
- Does committee and staff work without complaint
- Participates in some activity outside of school such as: Scouts, Church groups, volunteer services for elderly, poor or disadvantaged
- Mentors persons in the community or students
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers and students

CHARACTER- a person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

A student of character:

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- Regularly shows courtesy, concern and respect for others
- Observes instructions and rules, is punctual, and faithful both inside and outside the classroom
- Has powers of concentration, self-discipline, and perseverance
- Manifests trustfulness in acknowledging obedience to rule, avoiding cheating, and showing unwillingness to profit by mistakes of others.

After reviewing the criteria, if you feel that you have met all of the requirements and should be nominated, please complete the enclosed packet thoroughly. The information you provide will aid the Faculty Council in determining your eligibility for nomination.

List to Do:

- Fill out the Student Activities Form.
- Create & include a Resume.
- Submit a list of all teachers you have had grades 9-11 or 9-12.
- Submit two **SEALED** letters of recommendation: one from an outside source and one from a teacher. Both people you choose should have known you for at least 1 year.
- NHS Teacher Letter of Recommendation Form (this may also be completed by the teacher that has written the sealed letter of recommendation).
- At least THREE teacher comment forms.
- Complete the “A week in the life of _____”
- Write & submit an essay of **approximately** 500 words describing how you display one or more of the NHS criteria (character, service, leadership).
- Include a recent photograph of yourself.
- Upon submitting your completed folder, you will then be assigned a faculty advisor. You will be responsible to arrange a personal interview with your faculty advisor. **Interviews must be completed by Wednesday, December 17th.**

All completed packets/folders are due on Friday, December 5th by 3 pm.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Braid & Mrs. LaMorte