



The King's Ambassadors

Chapter of the National Honor Society

Membership Requirements 2021

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to maintain good standing in the National Honor Society, all members are expected to:

- Maintain a cumulative academic **GPA** of 3.6 or above (excluding P.E.),
- Accumulate less than 15 **demerits** per year,
- Complete 8 hours of **community service** per year (outside of service trips or other school club activities) *Note:* These hours cannot be credited towards other organizations.
- Participate in **2 chapter activities** (Carnival + at least one other NHS-organized project per year),
- Attend all **chapter meetings** (unexcused absences result in increased required service hours),
- Contribute \$20 in annual **dues**.

You may choose to fulfill your community service hours either on- or off-campus. Please see below for some examples of activities that can or cannot count toward the 8-hour community service requirement.

The chapter will organize some opportunities to complete chapter activities together as a group.

NEW MEMBERS

For newly inducted members, the community service requirement is reduced to take into account the remaining time left in the school year. Based on your current grade level:

- 10th/11th graders: New members must complete **1 hour** of community service by **December 17, 2021** in order to remain in good standing.
- 12th graders: New members must complete **3 hours** of community service by **April 30, 2021** in order to bear the NHS seal at graduation.

PROBATION/DISMISSAL

If at any time your cumulative GPA falls below 3.6 or if you fail to complete your community service hours by the end of the year, you will be placed on "probationary status" for the following semester. If the original cause for probation is not rectified by the end of the probationary semester, or if any additional causes for probation are incurred during the probationary semester, or if you accumulate 15 or more demerits, you will be subject to dismissal by the Faculty Council. At that time, you would be given a chance to address the Faculty Council either in writing or in person. Please note that dismissed members may not rejoin NHS even if the situation is rectified after dismissal.

NHS Community Service Examples of Activities

The required NHS community service hours are designed to challenge you to step out of your regular routine and your comfort zone. If you are in doubt as to whether an activity qualifies or not, please confirm with the NHS advisor before completing the activity.

ACTIVITY	DOES IT COUNT? <small>(If in doubt then ask, or choose another activity)</small>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Any traditional group community service activities (food banks, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, etc.) ✓ Tutoring at outside organization/school (unpaid) 	<p>Yes (no limit)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching/assisting weekly activities e.g. Church Sunday School, Youth Group, etc. • Tutoring/Coaching TKA students (unpaid) • Helping TKA teachers/staff members with individual projects (please get approved by Mr. Howe beforehand) 	<p>Some – can count for up to HALF of your total <u>required</u> hours (NOT half the hours you are claiming)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ TKA Service Trips ⊗ Job internship/volunteer ⊗ Outside Group/Club REQUIRED activities, e.g. Scouts, soccer club, etc. ⊗ TKA class/club REQUIRED activities (VPA, Student Council, International Club, Jesters, etc) 	<p>No</p>