

Minooka Community High School NHS Selection Criteria

The MCHS NHS has worked hard to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and community. The MCHS National Honor Society strives to give practical meaning to the Society's goal of scholarship, leadership, service and character. A student will be selected for being **outstanding** in all four areas. No student is inducted solely because of high academic achievement. The National Honor Society strives to recognize the total student, one who excels in all areas.

NHS selection occurs during the first semester of the junior and senior year. The following criteria apply to all NHS candidates. A majority vote from the MCHS NHS Faculty Council is needed for selection. The MCHS NHS council is comprised of five faculty members annually appointed by the principal prior to the start of the school year.

Scholarship: A student is eligible for NHS selection if he or she has a 3.8 cumulative grade point average and has attended Minooka Community High School for one semester.

A student selected for NHS will be **consistently** active in **both** school and the community. Students will complete a co-curricular form, community service form, and a leadership form to indicate their activities in school, community involvement in humanitarian efforts, and leadership positions in school and in the community. Community service hours may be used beginning the summer after 8th grade graduation. All service hours need to be verified with a signature and phone number of the coordinator of the service organization or activity.

Service: The MCHS faculty will be asked to give each candidate a rating score based on the definition of service from the NHS national handbook. These scores will be used along with the service/extra-curricular form to determine selection.

Leadership: The MCHS faculty will be asked to give each candidate a rating score based on the definition of leadership from the NHS national handbook. These scores will be used along with the leadership form to determine selection.

Character: The MCHS faculty will be asked to give each candidate a rating score based on the definition of character from the NHS national handbook. These scores will be used along with two letters of recommendation (one from a coach or advisor of a school activity and one from a community member) to determine selection. Student discipline records will be checked.