

Loris High School National Honor Society Membership Qualifications

I. Scholarship

Standard: 1) Completing a College Preparatory or Honors/AP/Dual Credit course of study; must be performing at or above grade level in order to be eligible for membership
2) A cumulative grade point average of 3.8 on a weighted scale of 5.0

Documentation: Student's official transcript

Responsibility for documentation: Chapter adviser

II. Leadership and Service in school and community

Standard: Minimum of 10 documented hours within the 12-month period prior to submitting the application for membership; most service hours should be non-school related

Documentation: Signed documents from community service or volunteer agencies indicating the dates, hours, and nature of community service with an indication that the applicant received no compensation for services rendered

Responsibility for documentation: Applicant

Explanation: The initial standard for consideration as a member of the Society is a minimum of 10 documented hours of self-initiated and/or collaborative community service within the 12-month period prior to submitting the application for membership.

The Society looks for two types of community service from inductees: self-initiated service and service through clubs or organizations. Self-initiated service is a student's independent decision to lend a helping hand in the community. Examples range from volunteering in a nursing home, senior center, homeless shelter, or animal center to participating in programs such as Beach Sweep, Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, or United Way. Applicants also may voluntarily do chores for neighbors, clean up local highways or schools, or help out at the local libraries. This form of service should be solely volunteer and not fulfilled as a requirement of a club or organization.

The NHS also accepts other service through school or faith-based organizations such as Key Club, Interact Club, church groups, or scouting. Often, these clubs require a certain number of hours of community service. Both types are necessary to meet the requirement for membership in the NHS.

Any service that is completed for pay is not considered volunteer work and does not count toward community service.

III. Character

Standards:

- a. A student of character who
 - Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
 - Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)
 - Upholds principles of morality and ethics
 - Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, & expectations
 - Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
 - Shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
 - Observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness both inside and outside of the classroom
 - Has powers of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies
 - Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others
 - Actively helps to rid the school of bad influences or environment.
- b. No record of cheating and/or plagiarism within the 12-month period prior to submitting the application for membership
- c. No serious disciplinary infractions (defined as a Level 2 or a Level 3 offense) within the 12-month period prior to submitting the application for membership AND no more than one ISS
- d. No law enforcement violations including but not limited to DUI; stealing; destruction of property; truancy; fighting; and possessing, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities or in the community

Documentation: School discipline record plus related law enforcement documents if applicable

Responsibility for documentation: Chapter adviser and NHS Faculty Council