



# Paint Valley High School

## National Honor Society Welcome Information and Application Packet



Membership in the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. NHS has worked hard to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and community. There are rules for membership that are based upon a student's outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These four criteria for selection form the foundation upon which the organization and its activities are built.

Membership in the National Honor Society is based upon outstanding *scholarship* (minimum 3.5 GPA), strong *leadership*, active school and/or community *service*, and exemplary *character*. The first time eligibility is determined for NHS is after sophomore year. Having the minimum academic requirements alone does not guarantee induction into NHS.

**Junior/Senior Selection Process** – During the summer, letters will be sent to all juniors and seniors who meet the minimum GPA requirement to formally notify them of their eligibility for induction into NHS. Those newly eligible students who are interested in being considered for membership will need to attend a brief informational meeting at the beginning of the school year. At that time, the application process will be explained and applications will be distributed. Candidates who do not attend one of the informational meetings will not be eligible for induction. Candidates who do not turn in their application with all required materials will not be eligible for induction. After applications are received, they will be reviewed by the Faculty Counsel, who will use a scoring rubric, to determine which students will be inducted into the chapter.

### **Criteria for Selection \*\*A minimum of 18 points is required for selection\*\***

- Scholarship: Grade point average (0-4 points)
- Leadership: Parts 3-6 of Application (0-4 points)
- Service: Verification of service hours earned up to time of application (0-4 points)
- Character: Essay, Teacher and Principal Recommendations (0-12 points)

### **Applicant TO DO checklist:**

- Complete parts 1-7 of application. Please TYPE responses, then print completed forms for submission.
- Complete part 8 (essay) of the application. Maximum of 150 words. Please TYPE.
- Give a copy of part 9 (along with a blank envelope) to your school counselor.
- Give a copy of part 10 (along with a blank envelope) to your principal.
- Give a copy of part 11 (along with a blank envelope) to **TWO** high school teachers who have previously had you in class or do currently have you in class.
- Retrieve all envelopes from your counselor, principal, and teachers and place everything (typed application and sealed recommendations) in the folder you were given at the informational meeting.
- Return the folder to Mrs. Fairley (room 104) by the posted deadline.

## Paint Valley High School National Honor Society Candidate Application Form

**Directions:** Complete ALL sections by typing, then print completed forms for submission. Completion of this form does NOT guarantee selection. All applicants should turn in completed candidate forms, typed essay, and recommendation documents in their folder to Mrs. Fairley (room 104) by the posted deadline. No late submissions can be accepted. If you have any questions regarding this application or the member selection process, the applicant needs to contact Mrs. Fairley prior to the application deadline.

### PART 1: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*please provide an email that gets checked frequently\*

### Current Class Schedule:

Period	Class	Teacher	Period	Class	Teacher
1 <sup>st</sup>			5 <sup>th</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>			6 <sup>th</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>			7 <sup>th</sup>		
4 <sup>th</sup>					

### PART 2: REQUIRED SIGNATURES

We have reviewed this information packet and understand that completing this form does NOT guarantee selection into the National Honor Society and that the information presented here is accurate. We are aware of the requirements for application and recognize that failure to comply with these standards will disqualify this application. We understand that staff appointed by the principal will review each applicant. If we have questions about anything involving the selections, we will contact the NHS advisor. We also understand that students selected for the National Honor Society must attend meetings and functions as required. We recognize that NHS members will be required to (1) maintain the minimum GPA of 3.5 or higher each quarter, (2) complete the minimum required community service hours. Failure to comply with these requirements will lead to dismissal from NHS.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**PART 5: EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Please list all activities, inside and outside of school, in which you have participated during high school. For example, clubs, teams, musical groups, etc. Include any details or accomplishments in those activities.

Activity	Grade	Accomplishments/Duties

**PART 6: WORK EXPERIENCE, RECOGNITION AND OTHER AWARDS**

Please list all job experiences (paid or volunteer), honors and/or recognition you have received, which have not been mentioned in previous sections, which support your bid to be selected into the National Honor Society.

Activity	Grade	Supervisor’s Name	Accomplishments/Duties

\*If any of the above sections are blank, please type and print a one paragraph statement (for each section left blank) explaining why it is blank. Submit with your application.

**PART 7: DISCIPLINE**

Please answer each of the following questions by checking the appropriate box.

Statement	Yes	No
Have you ever been subjected to disciplinary action by PVHS?		
Have you ever been convicted of any state or federal law, other than a traffic violation?		

\*If you answered “yes” to either of the above questions, please type a one paragraph statement explaining fully. Also, please note that an answer of “yes” does not preclude you from membership.

**PART 8: CHARACTER STATEMENT & ESSAY (0-4 POINTS)**

Perhaps the most difficult area to evaluate for selection of members is that of character. The last section of your application is a personal statement which should contain **no more than 150 words**. Use your personal statement as an opportunity to express your core values and beliefs describing how you display character. Explain how those values support your academic success and service to others. Spelling and grammar, along with quality of response, will be part of the evaluation process. **This is to be written only by the applicant.**

**PART 9: COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION (MAX OF 8 POINTS)**

Please fill out the top portion by writing your name and initialing the statement, then give this form, along with a blank envelope to your counselor. Once it is completed, please retrieve it from your counselor and put the sealed envelope in your NHS applicant folder with your application.

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that this recommendation will be confidential and consists of two sections of the selection matrix, each being a maximum of 4 points, or 8 points total. The counselor and administrator recommendations will be averaged.

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Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_ (0-4 points)

Verified by (counselor) \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation (please choose one option below)

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this applicant without reservation (4 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this applicant with reservation (2 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not recommend this applicant (0 points)

\*If you do not recommend this applicant, please give a brief explanation below.

Counselor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 10: ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION (MAX OF 4 POINTS)**

Please fill out the top portion by writing your name and initialing the statement, then give this form, along with a blank envelope to your principal. Once it is completed, please retrieve it from your principal and put the sealed envelope in your NHS applicant folder with your application.

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that this recommendation will be confidential and consists of one section of the selection matrix and will be a maximum of 4 points. The counselor and administrator recommendations will be averaged.

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Please choose one option below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant does NOT have any discipline infractions.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant does have at least one discipline infraction.

\*If the applicant does have a discipline infraction, please explain below.

Recommendation (please choose one option below)

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this applicant without reservation (4 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this applicant with reservation (2 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not recommend this applicant (0 points)

\*If you do not recommend this applicant, please give a brief explanation below.

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 11: TEACHER RECOMMENDATION (MAX OF 4 POINTS)**

Please fill out the top portion by writing your name and initialing the statement, then give this form, along with a blank envelope to a high school teacher who has had you in the past or who currently has you in class. Once it is completed, please retrieve it from your teacher and put the sealed envelope in your NHS applicant folder with your application.

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that this recommendation will be confidential and consists of one section of the selection matrix and will be a maximum of 4 points. The two teacher evaluations will be averaged to compute the teacher recommendation score.

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Recommendation (please choose one option below)

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this applicant without reservation (4 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this applicant with reservation (2 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not recommend this applicant (0 points)

Please explain briefly why you do or do not recommend this applicant for induction into NHS.  
(Examples to include: punctuality, preparedness, academic honesty, rapport with peers, etc.)

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_



**PART 11: TEACHER RECOMMENDATION (MAX OF 4 POINTS)**

Please fill out the top portion by writing your name and initialing the statement, then give this form, along with a blank envelope to a high school teacher who has had you in the past or who currently has you in class. Once it is completed, please retrieve it from your teacher and put the sealed envelope in your NHS applicant folder with your application.

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that this recommendation will be confidential and consists of one section of the selection matrix and will be a maximum of 4 points. The two teacher evaluations will be averaged to compute the teacher recommendation score.

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Recommendation (please choose one option below)

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this applicant without reservation (4 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this applicant with reservation (2 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not recommend this applicant (0 points)

Please explain briefly why you do or do not recommend this applicant for induction into NHS.  
(Examples to include: punctuality, preparedness, academic honesty, rapport with peers, etc.)

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

## NHS APPLICANT SCORING RUBRIC

\*This form is to be completed by the Faculty Counsel\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship		Leadership		Service		Character	
Part 9		Parts 3,5,6		Part 4		Parts 7,8,9,10,11	
3.80+	4 points	Exceeds	4 points	15+ hours	4 points	<b>Admin/Guidance Rec.</b> w/o            4 points 3 points with            2 points 1 point no                0 points  <b>Teacher Rec. (Ave)</b> w/o            4 points 3 points with            2 points 1 point no                0 points  <b>Essay</b> Outstanding   4 points Exceeds        3 points Meets            2 points Below            1 point None             0 points	
3.70-3.79	3 points	Meets	3 points	10-14 hours	2 points		
3.60-3.69	2 points	Below	2 points	<10 hours	0 points		
3.50-3.59	1 point	None	0 points				
Total = ____/4		Total = ____/4		Total = ____/4		Total = ____/12	

**POINTS TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_/24

(Minimum of 18 points is required)

### FACULTY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**

\_\_\_\_\_ **NO**