

National Honor Society
National Junior Honor Society
National Elementary Honor Society

Academy for Academic Excellence Chapters



2023-2024 Student Application Google Form

The application process this year is again online through Google Forms. You'll find the form on the AAE website (<http://aae.lewiscenter.org/>), under the Students tab/More: scroll to NHS.

Are you eligible? Please follow these instructions for each level and discover if you are.

NHS will be a functioning organization at AAE as much as possible this school year. The time is here for members and new candidates to apply for annual membership and pay their dues. Each interested student, grades 4 – 12, will determine his/her eligibility based on certain NHS criteria. **This is a self-selection process.** Follow all instructions. After completion of the form, eligible candidates who wish to be considered for this year's membership must submit their application through Google Forms and then bring in dues (cash or check made out to AAE; in the memo line write NHS) to Ms. Wilmeth-Street by September 15th. Dues are:

\$15 for NEHS (4th, 5th & 6th grades) and NJHS candidates (7th, 8th & 9th grades)

\$20 for NHS candidates (10th, 11th & 12th grades)

Dues cover the cost of membership pins and graduation regalia. For instance, if a member joins in 4th grade and continues membership through 12th grade, that student would receive 3 different membership pins (NEHS, NJHS, & NHS) plus NHS honor cords and/or collar to wear with the cap and gown at graduation. Since the inception of NHS at AAE, the school has covered the cost of the school's annual charter renewal for all three levels. As expenses have increased over the last three years, dues will increase this year for the first time at AAE by \$5 per member.

Directions: Please complete all sections. Submit it by the published deadline (**September 15**). Do not be modest. Your information is the basis for fair consideration of your candidacy. Consider yourself accepted unless otherwise notified. Completion and submission of this form does not guarantee selection.

All students

There are expectations of excellence in several categories that each candidate must fulfill to qualify for membership. These categories are as follows:

AAE students – must have been enrolled at AAE for a minimum of 1 semester. A new student to AAE may only qualify if already a member in NEHS, NJHS or NHS at a previous school. Proof of prior membership must be brought to the NHS advisor. Acceptable proof is a letter from the previous advisor about membership status at the previous school.

New candidates and returning members must have all categories of the form complete. If a criterion is not complete, the student is not eligible at this time for membership.

All Students - 4 categories:

Scholarship – a student shows a level of excellence in earned grades from the June 2021 report card. For grades 4-9, only grades from core subjects should be used: Mathematics, English/Language Arts, Social Science, & Science. For grades 10-12, use your cumulative weighted GPA. The minimum GPA for membership consideration is 3.3 or the equivalent. Contact Ms. Wilmeth-Street if you have any questions about qualified grades.

Service – the honor student is required to complete volunteer service within his/her community. This can be through a variety of experiences. Examples are working on a project for Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts, volunteering at church, participating in community cleanup days, serving at a food bank or shelter, volunteering at an animal shelter, babysitting without pay. If a grade or monetary remuneration is given, then the activity will not qualify for service hours. The service must have been completed within the last 12 months (June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023).

NEHS candidates should complete a minimum of 5 hours of service
NJHS candidates should complete a minimum of 10 hours of service
and
NHS candidates should complete a minimum of 20 hours of service

Leadership – honor society candidates and members show leadership qualities through extra-curricular activities where they take on an important role. Examples of this can be serving as a patrol leader in Girl/Boy Scouts, planning an event either at school or outside of school and making sure it is a success, organizing a food drive or holiday gift drive, serving as an officer for a school club or organization. Describe your leadership roles.

Character – all candidates and members must show good character in all areas of his/her life. Describe the character traits that make you worthy of membership in NHS.

Responsibility (grades 4-6 only) – all NEHS candidates and members shall conduct themselves in a responsible manner, showing good character at all times. Describe your examples of responsibility.

Citizenship (grades 7-9 only) – as a young citizen of the world, candidates and members for NJHS must show how they are practicing citizenship in both school and community. On the June 2021 report card, your teachers may have scored you on your citizenship in class. Describe how you are a good or exemplary citizen.

All levels

Disciplinary action – For returning members, responsibility, good character and good citizenship are key to one's overall character, but there may have been a particular event or low grade that happened last year that does not reflect well on who you are. These could be an unsatisfactory citizenship grade, a detention or even a suspension. You may be considered for probationary status if you address the problem and explain how you will overcome or change your behavior. A teacher or administrative recommendation (hard copy letter) will also be required. Turn the letter in separately to the NHS advisor.

Once the form is filled out, you will be directed to the PayPal link for payment by credit/debit card. Please include the student's name and grade so that proper credit can be recorded.

The NHS Advisor will notify only those students who are considered NOT eligible based on their application and their dues will be refunded. All other applying students self-determine their eligibility.

This is a prestigious honor and garners recognition throughout your time at AAE and when applying to colleges and universities. The Induction Ceremony is normally where new members receive their membership pin and returning members are recognized. Information will be forthcoming regarding the Induction ceremony.

Should you have any questions about this form, please contact Ms. Wilmeth-Street, Advisor (760.946.5414 ext. 211 or cstreet@lcer.org).