

National Honor Society

Robert F. Kennedy Chapter

Application Information for 2016

Members of the Class of 2017- 2018 who meet the scholarship cumulative average of 3.40 will receive a letter inviting you to fill out the application. Download the following application and keep a copy for your files.

Marian Catholic High School participates in the Robert F. Kennedy Chapter of the National Honor Society. NHS members embody four important elements:

Scholarship: Students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher at the end of their Sophomore or Junior year meet the scholarship requirement. You will receive an invitation if you qualify academically. **This does not guarantee membership.** If you are a junior, and you feel that you cannot meet the requirements, you can apply in your senior year if your average is 3.4 or higher.

Character: The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others.

Leadership: Student Leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem-solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences should be demonstrated, and can be drawn from school or community activities.

Service: This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school, parish, and community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit. Students must complete at least **25 officially documented service hours** to be eligible for consideration by the Faculty Council. These service hours must be completed no more than **ten months (December of 2015)** prior to your submitting your application. **Service that is done in September and October of 2016 indicates that the student does not make a habit of service but does it only to apply to the society. All service hours must be completed by October 1, 2016.** To maintain your membership, **20 additional service hours during the school year will be required.** Each member must participate in all NHS activities (Chinese Auction, Phon-a-thon, Open House) and pay the required dues.

The Induction date for the 2016-2017 school year is scheduled for the school Mass on the last Wednesday in October.

All students who will be inducted will receive confirmation prior to this date informing them of the Faculty Committee's selection. Students will purchase their NHS stoles for \$24.00, which are to be worn at the induction ceremony and graduation.

All questions or inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Nietz at rnietz@mariancatholics.org

**Marian Catholic High School
National Honor Society
Robert F. Kennedy Chapter
Application for Membership
2016-2017 School Year**

Important notes:

Please **read and complete entire application** before you begin.

All applications are reviewed by the Faculty Council who will vote on the selection of members. The decision of the Faculty Council is final. If you are not selected, you can make an appointment with the advisor to discuss your concern. The adviser will speak to parents only after he or she has spoken to the student.

- Please print (or type) *neatly* in *black* or *blue* ink.
- Packets **MUST** be fully complete. Incomplete packets and packets that do not follow directions will result in automatic rejection!

Section One: Personal Information

Year _____ (Junior or Senior)

NAME: _____

 Last First Middle

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ (home)

_____ (cell)

NAME OF PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S): _____

PARENT PHONE: _____

Section Two: Scholarship

In order to fulfill the scholarship requirement for membership into the National Honor Society, a student must possess a *minimum* cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.40. This average will be the cumulative average at the end of your sophomore or junior year. **If inducted, this minimum GPA must be maintained in order to be a member in good standing. This is a requirement of the National Organization.**

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that my academic transcript will be reviewed by the Faculty Council, and that I will be considered for membership only if my cumulative GPA is 3.40 or above. **I pledge that, if inducted, I will maintain my academic standing at or above the level required for good standing.**

Student Signature _____

Parent or Guardian _____
(signature)

Section Three: Character

In order to fulfill the character requirement for the National Honor Society, a student:

- must display behavior that indicates respect for the principles of morality and ethics, both within the school environment and in the community-at-large.
- shall show courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and shall be reliable in personal commitments, both with respect to the Society and to other activities.
- shall show respect for and abide by the code of conduct of Marian Catholic High School, the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, and the laws of the United States of America.
- shall demonstrate academic integrity.

Any serious violation of any of the above requirements has the potential to disqualify a candidate, or (if already a member) result in suspension or expulsion as an NHS member. Serious violations will be brought to the attention of the Faculty Council and the Council will vote on the issue.

Each member of the faculty, staff, and administration of Marian Catholic High School will be asked to comment on the character of each applicant to the National Honor Society.

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that character is an important part of my commitment to the National Honor Society. I affirm that I uphold all of the standards of character described above, and will continue to do so as a member in good standing.

Student Signature _____

Parent or Guardian _____
(signature)

Section Four: Leadership

In order to fulfill the leadership requirement of the National Honor Society, a student must show **evidence of leadership as demonstrated by the ability to facilitate the work of a group.**

Evidence of leadership is not satisfied merely by that fact that a student has been elected to an office; the student must show **tangible substantiation of the actions performed that led to successful completion of a group objective. This is a very important part.**

On an 8.5" x 11" piece of paper, double-spaced, with your name at the top followed by "Leadership Essay," please explain your **leadership qualities and experiences** and how you will help the NHS at Marian. Be as specific as you can. Limit yourself to at least 200 but no more than 225 words. Use 12 point Times News Roman and attach this essay to the **end of your completed application.**

Section Five: Service – Any questions regarding service should be addressed to Mrs. Nietz before September 1, 2016.

In order to fulfill the service requirement of the National Honor Society, a student shall demonstrate **meaningful service** performed at Marian Catholic High School and in the community and parish.

Part One: School Service - hours cannot be the same as your 2016-2017 school hours nor can they all be from sports camps. Deadline for completion of service is October 1, 2016.

Students applying for acceptance into the National Honor Society should demonstrate consistent dedication to service in the school, community, and parish. This service should fulfill a genuine need within the school, community, and parish, should go above and beyond accepted norms of social courtesy, and should be performed in conjunction with a **recognized group or service organization** and be **completed by October 1, 2016. A variety of service is required.**

Any type of fundraising, including “canning” for sports and cleaning homerooms or any other service done during school hours **will not** be accepted. Baking and hanging posters for school functions will earn **partial credit** (1/4 of an hour). Service must be for an official organization (i.e., not for family or relatives). Any service receiving monetary or academic compensation **will not** be considered.

Please list service completed in connection with **school, community, and parish** activities on the **“SERVICE ACCOUNTING TABLE”** found on the next page. For those activities that occurred through an official club or organization, list the club name as well as the moderator. For those activities performed apart from an official club or organization, list the faculty/staff/coach who most closely supervised your work. Use only the space provided, listing in **order of importance** and number each service.

Part Two: Complete the Service Accounting Table and submit letters.

1. Completed Service Accounting Table (see next page)

- list and describe each service task, the dates and hours involved, and the contact person/supervisor

2. Official Documentation of Service Hours(very important)

- **all** service must be officially documented by the director/supervisor of the program/activity **on official organization letterhead** in time to be submitted with the rest of your application. **Deadline is October 1, 2016**

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that I understand the service requirement in order to be eligible for the National Honor Society.

Student Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian _____

Community Service Accounting Table Name: _____			
Organization responsible for your service	Dates of Service	Total Service Hours	Description of Service

Total Hours = _____

Part Three: NHS Service

Once inducted, each member must commit to maintaining his/her service requirement consisting of at least **20 hours during the school year** at NHS-sponsored events, as well as community and parish events. These additional hours must be distinct for NHS. They cannot overlap with school or other service hours. Documentation of these hours must be submitted on the form found on the school website under “NHS” and returned to Mrs. Nietz during the first week of May.

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that I understand the importance of the continuing service requirements of the National Honor Society, and that I will maintain my strong commitment to service both in and out of school in order to remain a member in good standing.

Student Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian _____
(signature)

Section Six: Essay

In a typewritten essay of **not less than 200 but no more than 225 words**, please explain your qualifications for being a member of National Honor Society. What type of service would you initiate as a member, and what new ideas do you have for the organization ?

All essays should be **double-spaced**, with your name on each page, and stapled **at the end** of the rest of your submitted application.

Section Seven: Returning Packets

All completed packets (**including service documentation**) **MUST** be returned by Monday **October 3, 2016**. Hand the envelope directly to Mrs. Nietz in Room 200 either before homeroom, or after school until 3:00. **Please keep a copy of your entire submitted application for your own records. All packets must be in a large envelope and labeled:**

Name
Marian Catholic High School
National Honor Society Application

Attn: Mrs. Rita Nietz, NHS Moderator

Some important guidelines:

- Do NOT fold this application or any attachments.
- You should staple together all of these pages, including the **two required essays, and service verification letters**.

Section Eight: Affidavit of Student and Parent

Upon signing, I confirm that everything contained within this application is accurate, thorough, and truthful. I also affirm that my application is fully complete, and that any incomplete aspect of this application will result in automatic rejection. **I understand that this application is not a guarantee for selection.**

Signed:

(Student)

(Parent/guardian signature)