

Conant High School's
National Honor Society
How are students selected?

Reviewing Candidates

Conant's chapter of NHS follows the National Constitutional Guidelines with regards to the selection of members. Students selected must encompass the four pillars of NHS (scholarship, leadership, service and character). Scholarship, by itself, is not enough and is never part of the selection process once the initial 3.0 or above grade point average is met. GPA is never given to the Selection Committee.

THE PROCESS

1. Information will be posted on the CHS website. Any Junior or Senior student with a cumulative 3.0 unweighted GPA may complete an application. Applications will be mailed to all eligible students in mid-July.
2. **Scholarship:** 1st Semester Junior and Senior students with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or above are invited to apply for NHS selection. This is the only scholarship requirement in accordance with the National Constitution and is never considered again in the process.
3. **Character:** All Conant faculty members are asked to evaluate candidate's character on a scale of 0-4.
4. **Service and Leadership:** A Faculty Council Selection Committee, selected by the principal, evaluates the student submission for leadership and service. In addition, all Conant faculty members are asked to evaluate a candidate's leadership on a scale of 0-4.
 - a) Students are requested to document service and leadership activities on the forms. The completed forms need to be concise and **specifically detail** exactly what your service and leadership roles were. Generalizations take up space and don't accurately assist the Selection Committee.
 - b) The Faculty Council Selection Committee evaluates a student's leadership, character and service based on the following criteria:

4=	Exceptional candidate, student is of <u>outstanding</u> character/leadership
3=	Student is of <u>above average</u> character/leadership
2=	Student is of <u>average</u> character/leadership
1=	Student has <u>below average</u> character/leadership
0=	Student <u>lacks</u> character/leadership (must comment)

*The **description** of your service and leadership is very important and is up to YOU to use the space provided well. Assume the committee knows nothing about what you have done. The committee asks: How did he/she lead? How did he/she serve? Think of your application as a cover letter that an employer will read and determine if he/she will grant you and interview for a job.

5. The scores from the Faculty Council Selection Committee evaluating service, character and leadership are averaged, as are the character and leadership scores from the faculty.
6. Juniors that are not selected have the opportunity to reapply next year, provided their cumulative GP A remains at 3.0 or above.