

Name: _____



National Honor Society Application

Scholarship, Character, Leadership, Service



Advisor:

Matt Golzynski

matt.golzynski@lansingcatholic.org

517.648.8973

KEY DATES:

Completed Application is Due on 3/20/17 by 3pm

Letters of Recommendation are Due on 3/27/17

Before you begin, please read the following:

The National Honor Society recognizes sophomores and juniors who achieve excellence in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership, and service. If you have been invited to apply to the Lansing Catholic High School chapter of NHS, you have met the scholarship criteria by earning a cumulative, weighted grade point average of 3.500 or higher.

The selection committee will assess your character through a process involving analysis of your official school records. They will also review the three recommendation forms submitted by your former teachers and the recommendation form submitted by your outside source. These forms are included in this packet and should be given to teachers and your outside source in a timely manner. Please do not ask for formal letters in addition to these forms.

The main purpose of this application is for you to inform the selection committee of your history of leadership and service. On the following pages, carefully explain your leadership and service experiences in detail. The committee is looking for consistent examples of leadership and service over an extended period of time. For the purposes of this application, your high school career started the summer between your eighth- and ninth-grade years.

A leadership position is any position in which you are in charge of others. Serving in a leadership position means the activity described would not have occurred or would have been greatly impacted without your participation. These can be “traditional” positions such as a team captain or club officer. They can also be somewhat less obvious roles such as organizing a service activity or chairing a school committee. On your application, it is necessary to clearly describe your position and duties, so the faculty committee can understand your role. Please be aware that some positions may sound like leadership positions when they are not. For example, a position that you attain because of a particular skill (such as first violin in the orchestra) is not necessarily a leadership position unless it is accompanied by leadership responsibilities.

A service activity is anything you have done to serve your community without receiving compensation (money or academic credit) for your actions or that was used to fulfill your service covenant for school. Service can include activities associated with school organizations as well as any community or religious organizations.

For sections of the application that require signatures, you must have the signature of an adult in that section. If you can no longer contact the person who was in charge, a parent may sign. *However, please be aware that multiple parent signatures suggest to the faculty committee that you did not take the time or make an effort to acquire other signatures.* Faxed or photocopied signatures are acceptable.

Some accomplishments may fall into more than one category. For example, you may have organized a fundraiser for a local charity, which is both service and leadership. This is acceptable, but it is necessary for you to place this information in both categories and explain how it applies to each. Do not expect the selection committee to make the connections for you.

If you have questions while completing the application, please contact an advisor as soon as possible. You may make an appointment during SET or email either one. It is your responsibility to ask any questions before submitting the application. Please do not interrupt the advisors during class. More information about NHS can be found at www.nhs.us and under Regulation 400-25 at www.fcps.org.

When you are finished completing the application, please check to see that you have done the following:

- Did you answer all questions fully and legibly using complete sentences that are free of grammatical and spelling mistakes?
- Did you and your parent/guardian sign the application?
- Did you remember to fill in your name and address?
- Are the leadership positions and service activities you referred to clearly explained?
- Do you have all required signatures in the leadership and service sections?
- Did you give two former teachers a recommendation form to complete?
- Did you make a copy of this application for your own records? Applications will not be available to students after submission.

I _____ (print your name), have read and completed this application and agree to the manner of selection. I hereby state that the information that has been presented in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any violation of the pillars of the National Honor Society (scholarship, character, leadership, service) as well as providing any consciously false information on this application may result in my immediate and permanent removal from the National Honor Society as well as any other disciplinary actions deemed necessary.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Section III: Leadership Positions

List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community, or work activities. You may attach a letter of explanation to any of these activities if you feel clarification is necessary for the committee to thoroughly understand the leadership aspect of the position. If you complete the application digitally, you may also type directly in the boxes to add more details.

Leadership Position	Description	Year(s) in School				Signature of Adult or Supervisor
		9	10	11	12	

In the space below, justify any of your activities or ***your lack of leadership*** experience. This is your chance to expand upon and defend yourself in this area.

Section IV: Service Activities

List any service activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishments in each. These should be activities for which you were not compensated financially or with academic credit. Specifically, describe how many hours you spend doing the activity (once, weekly, monthly, and annually).

Service Activity or Organization	Description/Major Accomplishment	Year(s) in School				Total Number of Hours	Signature of Adult or Supervisor
		9	10	11	12		

In the space below, justify any of your activities or **your lack of service** experience. This is your chance to expand upon and defend yourself in this area.

NHS Teacher Recommendation Form #1 (2 pages)

Section I: Student Information

Directions: Please complete the top section of this form before giving it to a member of the Lansing Catholic High School staff for completion. Please allow a minimum of two weeks for completion of this form.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Section II: Teacher Recommendation

Teacher name: _____

Teacher signature: _____

Directions: This form will be used by the selection committee to better understand the character of the student listed above. Please rate the student in the following categories and return the form to Mr. Golzynski by **March 27, 2017**. Do not return this form to the student.

The student...	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Unknown
Completes assignments on time.					
Demonstrates a strong work ethic.					
Shows respect for school staff.					
Arrives to class on time and prepared.					
Challenges him/herself academically.					
Treats classmates with respect.					

Respects school property.					
Actively participates in class.					

Overall, would you recommend this student for admission in the National Honor Society?

_____ Yes _____ No

Additional Comments:

NHS Teacher Recommendation Form #2 (2 pages)

Section I: Student Information

Directions: Please complete the top section of this form before giving it to a member of the Lansing Catholic High School staff for completion. Please allow a minimum of two weeks for completion of this form.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Section II: Teacher Recommendation

Teacher name: _____

Teacher signature: _____

Directions: This form will be used by the selection committee to better understand the character of the student listed above. Please rate the student in the following categories and return the form to Mr. Golzynski by **March 27, 2017**. Do not return this form to the student.

The student...	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Unknown
Completes assignments on time.					
Demonstrates a strong work ethic.					
Shows respect for school staff.					
Arrives to class on time and prepared.					
Challenges him/herself academically.					
Treats classmates with respect.					

Respects school property.					
Actively participates in class.					

Overall, would you recommend this student for admission in the National Honor Society?

_____ Yes _____ No

Additional Comments:

NHS Teacher Recommendation Form #3 (2 pages)

Section I: Student Information

Directions: Please complete the top section of this form before giving it to a member of the Lansing Catholic High School staff for completion. Please allow a minimum of two weeks for completion of this form.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Section II: Teacher Recommendation

Teacher name: _____

Teacher signature: _____

Directions: This form will be used by the selection committee to better understand the character of the student listed above. Please rate the student in the following categories and return the form to Mr. Golzynski by **March 27, 2017**. Do not return this form to the student.

The student...	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Unknown
Completes assignments on time.					
Demonstrates a strong work ethic.					
Shows respect for school staff.					
Arrives to class on time and prepared.					
Challenges him/herself academically.					
Treats classmates with respect.					

Respects school property.					
Actively participates in class.					

Overall, would you recommend this student for admission in the National Honor Society?

_____ Yes _____ No

Additional Comments:

NHS Outside Recommendation Form (2 pages)

Section I: Student Information

Directions: Please complete the top section of this form before giving it to an adult who is NOT a member of the Lansing Catholic High School staff for completion. Please allow a minimum of two weeks for completion of this form.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Section II: Adult Recommendation

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Directions: This form will be used by the selection committee to better understand the character of the student listed above. Please rate the student in the following categories and return the form to Mr. Golzynski by **March 27, 2017**. Do not return this form to the student.

The student...	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Unknown
Completes assignments on time.					
Demonstrates a strong work ethic.					
Shows respect for others					
Arrives on time and prepared.					
Challenges him/herself academically.					
Treats peers with respect.					

Respects property and their working environment.					
Actively participates in all activities.					

Overall, would you recommend this student for admission in the National Honor Society?

_____ Yes _____ No

Additional Comments: