



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL

The Mount Vernon National Honor Society recognizes Mount Vernon High School juniors and seniors who excel in ***scholarship, service, leadership and character.***

Students who meet the academic criteria are invited to submit an application in which the student explains their service, leadership and character.

The five-member faculty council reviews those applications and surveys both administrators and high school teachers to help determine applicants' character and leadership characteristics.

Applications are taken seriously and only those who demonstrate excellence in all areas will be considered for selection. The faculty council uses the following criteria to determine selection:

SCHOLARSHIP

The student of scholarship:

- **Current juniors and seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 are eligible.** Cumulative GPAs are finalized after 2nd semester grades for September applicants.

SERVICE

The student who serves impacts the community:

**Community Impact (35 hours minimum)
35 service hours minimum**

While all hours may be listed, students must move out of their comfort zone and **impact the community** rather than just a neighbor or a friend. Students are encouraged to consider the potential impact before setting up their service experiences.

- **20 out of the 35 hours must impact the community (outside the school district) (60%).**
 - Hours should be from service to a non-profit agency, governmental institution, religious institution, community institution, or community member who has demonstrated need and who could not complete this task without assistance (e.g. elderly or disabled, victims of a natural disaster, etc.).
 - Hours should benefit more than an individual, provide service without recompense or financial benefit to the student or the person being assisted but may benefit a community organization.
 - *NHS students must make all efforts to participate in service projects & student meetings.
- If you are unsure whether your hours will qualify, verify them with Mr. Karkosh*

LEADERSHIP

A student who exercises leadership when he or she:

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
- Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals and spirit
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- Is able to delegate responsibilities
- Inspires positive behavior in others
- Demonstrates academic initiative
- Is a leader in the classroom, at work or in other school or community activities
- Is dependable in any responsibility accepted
- Complies with instructions and rules, and displays personal responsibility

CHARACTER

The student of character:

- Consistently exemplifies positive and desirable qualities of behavior: trustworthy, fairness, citizenship, compassion & forgiveness
- Cooperates by complying with all school policies and regulations and codes of student conduct.
- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Regularly exhibits courtesy, concern and respect for others
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty, integrity and reliability