



# Fairfield Ludlowe High School National Honor Society



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

### Fairfield Ludlow High NHS Commitment Form

The National Honor Society is more than an organization that recognizes academic achievement, leadership and service. Admission attests that the student conforms to the highest ethical behavior.

*I certify that during my high school career I have and will continue to:*

- Demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity
- Cooperate by complying with school regulations
- Avoid infractions of Fairfield Ludlowe High School's Academic Integrity policy
- Never knowingly be involved in any civil or criminal offense
- Contribute to the school environment through my positive behavior and attitude

Upon review of the Fairfield Ludlowe High National Honor Society eligibility and membership requirements as described on pages 1 through 3 of this application, I agree that I have and will continue to abide by these regulations.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Upon review of the regulations, I agree that my child has and will continue to abide by these regulations.

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- 3.70 or better GPA.
- Membership in at least 3 activities. Any two of these activities must be for at least 2 full school years. Any two of these activities must be associated with the FLHS community.
- A minimum of 5 hours of community service documented on the Service form from the beginning of the candidate's freshman year to the time of NHS application.
- A clean FLHS discipline record.
- Positive ratings from advisor/coach/employer in the area of Leadership totaling 8 or better. Candidates receiving one or more scores of 1 will not be eligible.
- Positive ratings scored by 5 members of the FLHS faculty/staff on the Recommendation forms averaging 3 or better in the area of character.
- NHS commitment sheet signed by candidate and parent/guardian.

*Note: Failure to complete any or all of the above by the application's due date may result in non-acceptance into the FLHS National Honor Society.*

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

1. Juniors and seniors who have been students at Fairfield Ludlowe High School for at least one semester, have a GPA of 3.70 or better and have a clean FLHS discipline record will be notified through their homeroom of their eligibility for candidacy to the local chapter of the NHS. Eligible juniors will be notified of their candidacy at the beginning of the second semester of their junior year. Students who become eligible as seniors will be notified by the end of October of their senior year.
2. Candidates will complete and submit the application by the specified due date to the advisor.
3. The NHS faculty council will review all applications and select the new members.
4. All applicants will be notified through their homerooms of their acceptance or non acceptance in NHS.
5. Members will be officially inducted at the spring induction ceremony.

## **NHS MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

- Members will be expected to participate in the NHS Chapter Service Projects. This participation can be in conjunction with or in addition to the Individual Service Project. A minimum of 10 community service hours is expected to be dedicated to Chapter Service Projects. Our primary project is peer tutoring at FLHS.
- Members will be required to complete an Individual Service Project. This project will consist of a minimum of 10 hours of community service that is carried out within the Fairfield community during each year of membership. These service hours must be completed and documented with the NHS advisor for each year of membership. Juniors' community service hours must be completed between July 1<sup>st</sup> prior to their junior year and one week prior the induction ceremony in the spring. Seniors must have 10 community service hours completed between the last day of the school year in June of their junior year and the last day of the fall semester and the final 10 hours 1 week prior to the induction ceremony.
- Members are expected to attend monthly meetings.
- Members are expected to participate in the spring induction ceremony.
- Members are expected to continue to uphold the NHS goals of scholarship, service, leadership and character that were used to select each student for membership.

**The National Honor Society has defined character, service and leadership as follows:**

**Service:** The student who serves:

- Volunteers and provides dependable and well organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition
- Does committee and staff work without complaint
- Participates in some activity outside of school, for example, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church groups, volunteer services for the elderly, poor or disadvantaged
- Mentors persons in the community or students at other schools
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

**Leadership:** The student who exercises leadership:

- 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
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- Is able to delegate responsibilities
- Exemplifies positive attitudes
- Inspires positive behavior in others
- Demonstrates academic initiative
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility; conducts business effectively and efficiently; demonstrates reliability and dependability
- Is a leader in the classroom, at work, and in other school or community activities
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted
- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.

**Character:** The student of character:

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- Regularly shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- Observes instructions and rules, is punctual, and faithful both inside and outside the classroom
- Has powers of concentration, self-discipline, and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others
- Actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment.

# Service

A total of 5 hours are mandatory for consideration. These hours can be cumulative since September of the applicant's freshman year. This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, *done without compensation* (such as financial compensation, academic credit, public notoriety, reward or development toward future academics or occupation), and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit. This service must occur within the Fairfield community.

Please note that it is not the membership in a club or group, but applicable contributions made therein that counts as community service. To help you discern which of your activities falls under the above definition, we have provided the following examples:

**DOES NOT APPLY**

- practice & competition in baseball
- practice & performance in a theatrical production
- membership in student council
- Key Club membership
- fundraisers for nonservice teams, clubs or activities (i.e. Baseball pizza sale)

**DOES APPLY**

- participation with the baseball team in a free clinic for Little League players
- participation in a free performance done at a nursing home
- planning & participation in the student council clothes drive
- planning & participation in the Key Club "Can Tab Drive"
- fundraiser for nonprofit organization

Any questions regarding the acceptability of an activity for which you would like counted as service must be discussed with the advisor before the application is submitted. The interpretation of the above definition and the resulting acceptability or unacceptability of an activity listed in your application as service is ultimately up to the NHS faculty council.

**DIRECTIONS: Using the examples below as a guide, record service activities you would like considered in the table provided.**

Activity & Group Name	Description of Activity	Duration (Fill in & circle the appropriate info)	Date(s) D/M/Y	Supervisor's Information	Location of Activity
Toys for Tots Student Council	Collected toys for needy children	5 hours per week for 1 day week month year Total Hours for this activity 5 hours	12/20/11	Name: Francis Falcon Signature: Francis Falcon Phone #: 203-255-5555 ext. 55	Kohls Dept. Store, Fairfield
Tutoring Holland Hill Homework Club	Tutored elementary school students in math and language	4 hours per week for 4 month year Total Hours for this activity 4 hours	9/12 - 3/13	Name: Patsy Perch Signature: Patsy Perch Phone #: 255-7223	Holland Hill Elementary School

# Service for Admission to NHS (5 hours)

**DO NOT include your 15 hours of service for your individual service project on this sheet. Use the "ISP" sheet for this.**

Activity & Group Name	Description of Activity (attach separate sheet if more space is necessary)	Duration (Fill in & circle the appropriate info)	Date(s) D/M/Y	Supervisor's Information	Location of Activity
		day    day ___ hours per week for ___ week month    month year    year Total Hours for this activity _____		Name: Signature: Phone #:	
		day    day ___ hours per week for ___ week month    month year    year Total Hours for this activity _____		Name: Signature: Phone #:	
		day    day ___ hours per week for ___ week month    month year    year Total Hours for this activity _____		Name: Signature: Phone #:	
		day    day ___ hours per week for ___ week month    month year    year Total Hours for this activity _____		Name: Signature: Phone #:	

# Activities

Each applicant must provide evidence of involvement in 3 activities. At least two of these organizations must be within the FLHS community. Two of the 3 activities must be for 2 years. The advisor/coach of each of each organization should provide his or her signature. Participation on the freshman, junior varsity and/or varsity teams for a particular sport is considered to be one activity.

# 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 can be drawn from school, religious, job, or other community activity while working with or for others.

Any questions regarding the acceptability of a position that you would like counted as leadership must be discussed with the NHS advisor before the application is submitted. The interpretation of the above definition and the resulting acceptability or unacceptability of a position or experience listed in your application is ultimately up to the NHS faculty council.

**DIRECTIONS: General leadership character can be described in the Summary of Eligibility section of the application. In the table provided on the back, record the leadership positions you have performed and would like considered. Use the examples below as a guide in order to fill out the table correctly. A rubric will be used by the NHS Faculty Council to score leadership and a minimum total score of 8 is necessary to be considered for membership.**

Name of Activity or Organization	Activity Supervisor's Information	Leadership Position & Date selected for position	Description of Leadership Responsibilities	Rubric Score Determined by Supervisor
In School: FLHS Student Council Grades: 9 10 11 12	Name: Francis Falcon Signature: <i>Francis Falcon</i> Phone #: 255-7223	Junior Class President Fall 2012	Runs all student council meetings, helps organize homecoming, prom and other junior class events.	4
In School: FLHS Girls' Volleyball Grades: 9 10 11 12	Name: Coach Spike Signature: <i>A. Spike</i> Phone #: 255-TEAM	JV Co-captain Fall 2011	Organize Captain's practices, floor captain, helped organize car wash fundraiser	4

**RUBRIC:** A score is given for each leadership position listed on the application and the scores are added together to obtain the total score.

- 4: Holds office in club, class or activity; or Captain (Co-captain) of sports team(s); or Committee chairperson of major social event (i.e. Homecoming); or has served as manager in paid employment position that can be verified by employer.
- 3: Has submitted written proof from official activity advisor of a major role in promoting/organizing a school or community activity (Can Tab Drive, Earth Day); or Has served in a supervisor role in a paid employment position which can be verified by employer.
- 2: Has not served in leadership role but demonstrates cooperation with leadership figures which can be substantiated in writing by an adult associated with the activity.
- 1: Observable student involvement; does not indicate leadership initiative. Candidates earning this score will not be eligible for acceptance to NHS.

# Activities/Leadership

Name of Activity or Organization Grades of participation	Leadership Position & Date selected for position	Description of Leadership Responsibilities	Activity Supervisor's Information Including the Rubric Score <b><u>THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE SUPERVISOR</u></b> (*see bottom of page for scoring)
In School:  Grades: 9 10 11 12			Name:  Signature:  Phone #: *Rubric Score _____ DETERMINED BY SUPERVISOR
In School:  Grades: 9 10 11 12			Name:  Signature:  Phone #: *Rubric Score _____ DETERMINED BY SUPERVISOR
In or Out of School:  Grades: 9 10 11 12			Name:  Signature:  Phone #: *Rubric Score _____ DETERMINED BY SUPERVISOR
In or Out of School:  Grades: 9 10 11 12			Name:  Signature:  Phone #: *Rubric Score _____ DETERMINED BY SUPERVISOR

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2: Has not served in leadership role but demonstrates cooperation with leadership figures which can be substantiated in writing by an adult associated with the activity.

1: Observable student involvement; does not indicate leadership initiative. Candidates earning this score will not be eligible for acceptance to NHS.

## Fairfield Ludlowe High School NHS Recommendation Forms

Please obtain recommendations from 5 members of the FLHS community (teachers, advisors, coaches). You must have the supervisor from each of your in school activities complete a recommendation form. Forms are included in your packet. Put your name and the name of the person giving the recommendation on the form and deliver the form to the teacher, advisor or coach. Please notify these individuals that these forms are due from each teacher no later than \_\_\_\_\_ . Teachers are to return forms to Ms. Smigala's mailbox in Warner House. A total of 5 recommendations must be completed and submitted.

Please list below the teachers/advisors/coaches to whom you delivered a recommendation form.

FLHS Teacher/Advisor/Coach	Subject/Activity/Sport
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	