

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO MS. DUTKO'S OFFICE (COUNSELING) NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009. NO LATE FORMS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

Palos Verdes High School  
National Honor Society  
Student Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership in the National Honor Society is not a right but a privilege as stated in the National constitution and Chapter bylaws. All information in this packet should be correct and complete. No further information will be accepted after the Student Information Packet has been submitted. **This packet will NOT be returned.** Eligible persons will be evaluated on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership, and service qualifications to be determined as follows:*

1. **SCHOLARSHIP:** Cumulative Un-Weighted Academic GPA of at least 3.65  
  
Once students satisfy the grade point average minimum for admission into NHS, GPA is no longer considered and all students will be considered for admission equally based on the other areas specified in this packet.
2. **CHARACTER:** All PVHS faculty will complete a character evaluation checklist for each student. Reasons for automatic disqualification from NHS include cheating and stealing. This is confidential and will not be shared with parents or students.
3. **SERVICE:** This should include any volunteer services (non-paid and no academic credit) that include work with service-oriented clubs (not your own clubs), youth groups, volunteer work programs on or off campus with which you have been involved during your high school career. These services should be focused on improving the community as a whole. Your service description sheet is to be signed by an adult person in charge. Only adult sponsors may sign the forms. Student signatures are not acceptable. No service will be credited without an adult's signature and phone number.
4. **LEADERSHIP:** This should include any position, office, or membership held in/on a sport, club, production, band or committee. Membership alone is not as significant as holding a position. Also, the seriousness of the organization (size of the club) is taken into consideration. For example, belonging to the Cartoon Club does not hold the same value as being an active member of Key Club.

Note: Please do not list duplicate recognitions. Additionally, any invalid information on this sheet results in automatic disqualification. The approval process is confidential and will not be shared with students or parents. All evaluations are done by a faculty council, please do not contact Ms. Secrist for questions regarding an individual student's qualifications.

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To Parents/Guardians: If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the advisor **before the form is submitted.** Submission of this form is an acceptance of this process and all decisions for selection are final.

I understand the policies for consideration into National Honor Society at Palos Verdes High School and agree that the information provided here is true and correct.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Frequently Asked Questions about NHS

### **1. What happens if I can't get a signature?**

If the adult supervisor is out of the area, in another state, or in a foreign country there are two things you can do. 1. Attach official documentation that proves without a doubt your participation, etc. 2. Fax the adult supervisor the sheet, have them sign it and fax it back to you. **DO NOT** have your parent sign. You must still provide a phone number for the adult supervisor. No phone number, no proof – no credit.

### **2. What do I write for Leadership?**

Anything!! Are you an officer for a club or organization? Do you play a high school sport (frosh/soph, JV or Varsity)? Were you a captain or co-captain? Did you have a role in a play or musical (lead or chorus or stage crew)? Are you a member of a club or organization? Are you on the newspaper, yearbook, web, literary magazine staff? Are you an editor for any of those? Are you a member of student government? Are you a member of the band, choir, or orchestra? Are you a section leader/principle in the band or orchestra? Have you participated in a foreign exchange? MUN? Mock Trial? Boy Scout or Girl Scout? Any athletic or music awards? Do you have a job? Do you tutor or intern? All of this can be included under leadership. Just make sure you have an adult supervisor's signature and phone number.

### **3. Can I include things that I did in Junior High School?**

No. This is a high school honor society; so only include things from high school.

### **4. When is it due?**

Look at the front side of your packet. Make sure you turn it in on time.

### **5. Teacher X/Person Y was not there when I went to get the signature. What do I do?**

We feel that we have given you adequate time to complete your packet. We are sorry that the person was not there, but if there is no signature, we will disregard that particular item.

### **6. Will I get disqualified if I write down something that doesn't count?**

No. It is better to be safe than sorry. If it doesn't count, we will simply ignore it. You will not be penalized.

### **7. When will I know if I made it?**

Listen to the bulletin for the announcement.

### **8. Why wasn't I offered membership?**

These forms consist of an information packet. The information you provide the Faculty Council allows them to determine whether you qualify for membership; this is not an application process. NHS is an organization that recognizes those students who demonstrate outstanding achievement in the four areas. If you did not receive an offer for membership, you should be able to determine the area in which you were lacking.

***Remember, that you need to be well rounded in the four areas – scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Cheating and/or stealing result in an automatic disqualification. Make sure you have your parent sign the information packet and retain a copy for your personal records.***



