

National Honor Society (NHS) Application



Please complete all sections of this form neatly and legibly in *blue or black ink*. To this form **attach a typed essay (one page)** describing why you feel that you should be invited to be a member of NHS and what contribution(s) you will make to NHS at Kennesaw Mountain High School.

Do not be modest as criteria for acceptance is stringent. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection. **Completed applications must be given to Ms. Kline in Room 603 or Mrs. Morlan in Room 627 before or after school and must be submitted on or before 8:15 a.m., Friday February 16, 2018. Late applications will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will be rejected. Do not wait until the last minute to get verification signatures.**

For NHS use only: Date Received: _____ Time Received: _____
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Name (please print): _____ Grade: _____

Email (please print): _____

1st Block Teacher: _____ room #: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ room #: _____

4th Block Teacher: _____ room #: _____

I have reviewed the NHS contract at the end of this packet and understand all policies outlined for participation in NHS.

Signature: _____

I have included the following information: (please initial each item)

___ typed one-page essay (see top paragraph for description)

___ description of your involvement with two community service projects

___ verification of community service projects signed by the person(s) in charge of each event

___ description of your involvement with two school-related service projects

___ verification of school-related service projects signed by the person(s) in charge of each event

___ description of your leadership role

___ verification of leadership role signed by person in charge of event

1. Current GPA (weighted) (calculated after Fall semester of 2017): _____

2. What two school organizations are you **currently** an **active** member of? List the sponsor(s) for each of these organizations and obtain the sponsor's signature. (The KMHS Magnet program does not count as an organization for this application).

Organization Name	Sponsor Signature

3. List and briefly describe in at least 3 sentences **two community service projects** that you have performed during your high school career. Be sure to include specific activities and dates as well as signature verifications by someone in charge of each project. Signatures may be obtained under each of your descriptions or in a separate letter stating that the service was performed stapled to your packet. * (Community service projects are events that are not sponsored by Kennesaw Mountain High School or a Kennesaw Mountain High School organization. Examples include working with scouts, church, a charity organization, or an animal rescue organization. Non examples are Shop with a Mustang or the KMHS Special Education Dance). You must list two **different** community service projects, not two identical projects performed on two different dates. Please remember that service projects are ones where you are not compensated monetarily.

Community Service Project 1:

Signature Verification:

Name _____ Signature _____ Phone Number _____

Community Service Project 2:

Signature Verification:

Name _____ Signature _____ Phone Number _____

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4. List and briefly describe in at least 3 sentences **two school related service projects** that you have performed during your high school career. Be sure to include specific activities and dates as well as signature verifications by someone in charge of each project. Signatures may be obtained under each of your descriptions or in a separate letter stating that the service was performed stapled to your packet. * (School related service projects involve events specifically sponsored by KMHS such as Shop With a Mustang, the KMHS Special Education Dance, or an event sponsored by a KMHS organization such as Habitat for Humanity, ROTC, etc). You must list two **different** school service projects, not two identical projects performed on two different dates. These projects should not be a part of the regular school day, with the exception of the KMHS Special Education Dance.

School-Related Service Project 1:

Signature Verification:

Name _____ Signature _____ Phone Number _____

School Related Service Project 2:

Signature Verification:

Name _____ Signature _____ Phone Number _____

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5. List and describe in at least 3 sentences a leadership position that you have held in a school or community organization during your high school career. Be sure to include specific activities and dates as well as signature of someone who can verify your leadership role. Signatures may be obtained under your description below or in a separate letter stating how your leadership position was performed, stapled to your packet. * (Leadership does not have to be an elected position, but should clearly demonstrate the coordination, planning, and implementation of an activity and the guidance to a group of people or an organization to complete the activity). Please remember that the leadership position is one where you are not compensated monetarily.

Signature Verification:

Name _____ Signature _____ Phone Number _____

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National Honor Society

Teacher Sponsors: Susan Morlan and Karen Kline

National Honor Society (NHS) is a very important organization at Kennesaw Mountain. It is more than just an honor roll. NHS establishes high standards for membership that are based upon a student's outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These criteria for selection form the foundation upon which the organization and its activities are built. Membership criteria are listed below.



Criteria to Become a Member

Scholarship: Sophomores and Juniors who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or above meet the scholarship requirement for membership. These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, and character. Applications will be available to all eligible sophomores and juniors in late January or early February. **Maintenance of a 3.75 GPA is mandatory.** Falling to a minimum of 3.6 will place you on academic probation. Falling below that minimum or failure to raise your GPA up to a 3.75 within one semester will result in dismissal.

Note: Only Sophomores and Juniors may apply for admission to the National Honor Society.

Service: This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit. **To be considered for membership, the student must have performed at least two community service projects and at least two school related service projects during their high school career.**

Leadership: Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, original thinkers, dependable, and optimists. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others. **To be considered for membership, a student must have served in a leadership capacity either in a school organization or a community organization. The student must also be a member of at least two school organizations.** Programs of study at KMHS are not extracurricular activities.

Character: The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, cooperates, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a respectable lifestyle. Discipline records for prospective members and current members are checked periodically to ensure the integrity of NHS. Prospective members guilty of any violation of Cobb County School's discipline policies will not be considered for membership. **Students who have received ISS or OSS during their high school career will not be considered for membership. Once a student is accepted, if they are guilty of any of the following, the student will be dismissed from NHS.** Discipline infractions include but are not limited to:

- a. Skipping homeroom, class, and/or lunch
- b. Cheating
- c. Insubordination
- d. Bullying
- e. Fighting
- f. Possession or use of tobacco, illegal drugs, alcohol, weapons
- g. Stealing/Vandalism
- h. Forgery
- i. Unauthorized possession and or use of school passes, forms, documents or property
- j. Gang related activity
- k. False fire alarm and bomb threats

In summary, **any** violation of Cobb County School's discipline policies are cause for dismissal.

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Criteria to Remain a Member in Good Standing

Community Service: Members must participate in a minimum of 3 NHS sponsored events and earn a minimum of 15 service hours per semester. Ten of these hours must be acquired through NHS (in club); the additional hours may be earned individually or through other service groups. No more than 5 hours may be earned for any one activity. Hours or events used to meet NHS requirements cannot also be used to meet requirements for another club.

Hours must be submitted within one week of the activity date. Hours must be signed by a sponsor of the event. Seniors must work diligently second semester as hours must be turned in prior to the final meeting to accommodate for graduation. You are responsible for resolving discrepancies with hour and event accounting. Do not wait until the end of the semester when issues become difficult to resolve.

You must turn in all hour/event slips and resolve any discrepancies by the announced semester deadline.

Attendance: Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every Month in room 905, unless otherwise stated. Leadership is expected to arrive at 7:30. The general meeting will begin at 7:40. Any arrivals during the pledge will be counted as a minor tardy, and arrivals following the completion of the pledge up to the start of the mini project will be counted as a major tardy. Any arrivals after the start of the mini project will be counted as an absence. Excused absences must be cleared with Mrs. Morlan prior to the meeting by sending an email to susan.morlan@cobbk12.org. You must sign in at each meeting in order to be counted present. If a meeting date must be changed, an email will be sent to all members.

Failure to meet attendance requirements will result in expulsion from NHS. Attendance will be handled with a strike system, where exceeding ten strikes during the school year will result in expulsion. A minor tardy will result in 2 strikes, a major tardy and/or an excused absence will result in 3 strikes, and an unexcused absence will result in 4 strikes.

Dues: The dues for National Honor Society are \$20.00 for sophomores and juniors and \$30.00 for seniors. This cost includes the stoles for seniors and t-shirts for all club members. Dues must be paid on time to maintain membership. If there is a financial burden please see Mrs. Morlan. Dues must be paid by the announced deadline or you will no longer be a member of NHS.

Communication: The primary way that NHS communicates with members is via email. Students are responsible for checking their email regularly. Text message reminders are an additional form of communication, but not the primary mode. All agendas are posted on Mrs. Morlan’s blog and students are responsible for reviewing the minutes, especially if absent. Students are responsible for any communication issues regarding NHS. As National Honor Society Members, you accept that you will be held responsible for your actions, and for ensuring that there are no discrepancies in your hours or attendance.

Discipline: Any violation of Cobb County Schools Discipline policies or Kennesaw Mountain High School Discipline policies will result in dismissal from NHS.

I have read and understand the above outlined NHS policies,

Name (print)

Date

Signature

Revised January, 2018 KMK

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