

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: Trait Description Guide

The four traits for membership are:

SCHOLARSHIP

LEADERSHIP

SERVICE

CHARACTER

** Scholarship has already been demonstrated with a 90% GPA **

1. LEADERSHIP

The student who exercises leadership:

- Demonstrates leadership in the classroom, at work, and in school activities.
- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions.
- Demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities.
- Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals.
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school.
- Exemplifies a positive attitude.
- Inspires positive behavior in others.
- Demonstrates academic initiative.
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.

2. SERVICE

The student who serves:

- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.
- Participates in some outside activities: church groups; volunteer services for the youth, aged, poor, or disadvantaged; family duties.
- Volunteers dependably and offers 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.
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

3. 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 all school regulations, rules, and codes.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability.
- Regularly shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others.
- Observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness both inside and outside the school.
- Has power 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 to rid the school of bad influences.