Old Mill High School National Honor Society Application



Dear Prospective NHS Member,

Thank you for your interest in the Old Mill High School chapter of the National Honor Society. Your first step is to attend the meeting held in the Media Center immediately after school on 3/5/20. It's imperative that you attend. If an unforeseen emergency arises, you must still contact Mrs. Kenny, the adviser, in A260 in person, no later than 3/26. If extenuating circumstances arise, email contact can count, but should be submitted by 3/26. Although your attendance/contact is required in order to apply, it does not commit you to applying for membership. Thank you!

Check list:

Attend a Mandatory Informational Meeting on 3/5 after school in the media center or an alternative
time.
If you can't or don't make the meeting for some reason, you must contact Mrs. Kenny at
cjkenny@aacps.org or in person in A260 during PRIDE period.
Communicate with Mrs. Kenny no later than the end of the school day on 4/14/20
Obtain all required signatures for school activities.
Obtain signatures or email information for community activities.
Address all questions within the application.
Write a well-written personal essay which addresses the required elements.
Attach <u>copies</u> (Do NOT submit originals as you will NOT receive them back) of certificates/awards/etc.
Staple all pages of the application together (pages 3-6). Please keep pages 1 and 2 to refer to as needed
Write your name on each page.
Hand in completed application to the NHS bin inside Mrs. Kenny's room A260.
THE COMPLETED APPLICATION IS <u>DUE Tuesday, April 14 by 2:18pm.</u> THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!
Applications are always accepted and encouraged to be turned in earlier than that date as well.
If you have any further questions, stop by Mrs. Kenny's room in A260.

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Thank you for your interest in the Old Mill High School chapter of The National Honor Society. The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. At Old Mill, we have a tradition of honoring the "best of the best" with admission to The National Honor Society. More than just honor roll, NHS serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921. The object of the Old Mill Chapter of The National Honor Society is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character of all students of Old Mill Senior High School. You have been recognized by your outstanding academic achievement to be eligible to apply to the Old Mill National Honor Society. If you wish to be considered for membership in the Society, please complete the application form thoroughly.

The Faculty Selection Committee (FSC) is comprised of Old Mill High School Faculty and Staff from an array of subject areas. All candidates will be evaluated by the FSC, which will assess applications based on leadership, service, character, and scholarship. The FSC will make their final decision for membership into the Old Mill High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. All applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision regardless of the outcome. Accepted members will be inducted in a ceremony during the Fall of the upcoming school year. Specific details will be provided upon acceptance. An induction fee of \$10.00 will also be requested from all new members to cover the cost of induction materials. This is separate from the yearly membership fee of \$20 for both Junior and Senior years that will be due in the Fall. Additionally, all new members will be required to complete the mandatory service hours during the fourth quarter of this School Year. Membership in the National Honor Society is a significant academic honor as well as a personal achievement. It is your responsibility to understand the criteria for membership, as well as accept the time commitment service requirements involve.

- **✓** 3.5 Cumulative Grade Point Average (unweighted)
- ✓ 55 Hours of School and Community Service per school year and summer
- ✓ Mandatory attendance at monthly membership meetings
- ✔ Participation in NHS activities
- Class load of at least 3 academic classes during senior year (Can be substituted with college class and/or internship with prior approval from advisers).
- ✓ Display behavior and character becoming of a National Honor Society member in school and in our community. Students who have ever been on school suspension will not be considered.
- ✓ The application may be completed by hand in black or blue pen please. Please maintain the integrity of each page and attach additional information separately if needed. Thank you and best of luck to you. Committee

Please return the completed application securely stapled together, turned into the NHS application bin in room A260 by 4/14/20 at 2:18pm. All paperwork should be stapled together securely and your name should be written on each page. Any applications turned in after that date will not be accepted.

Applications are encouraged to be turned in prior to that date.

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The Old Mill High School Chapter of The National Honor Society is comprised of young adults who possess the best qualities in a high school student.

In order to maintain membership in the National Honor Society, each individual must follow the rules and guidelines set forth by the bylaws of the National Honor Society. A copy of which can be found on our Old Mill High School NHS webpage.

Attendance: Attendance is expected at all NHS meetings. Students with more than one unexcused absence will be placed on automatic probation. Students with a pattern of unexcused absences will be expected to meet with the NHS adviser to discuss attendance. This is something to consider when applying for an internship. Students will not be excused from meetings simply due to an internship or scheduled college class. Please plan accordingly.

<u>Service Activities:</u> Students are expected to participate in both in-school and community based service requiring completion of at least 20 hours per semester during the school year. Students commit to an additional 15 hours of participation in NHS activities (meetings are not included) over the course of the school year for a total service requirement of 55 hours of documented service per year.

<u>Academics:</u> Each member must maintain a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5. Students must carry at least three academic high school courses each semester of their senior year. College courses and/or internships can count toward the minimum class load of 3; however, prior approval of the advisor is required. College grades do not count in the overall GPA requirement. Only courses taken at Old Mill can count toward GPA requirements.

<u>Involvement:</u> Each member is expected to maintain a personal email account that is on record with the chapter and updated as needed. Parents may be included on the distribution list if they desire; however, it is stressed that members are expected to take personal responsibility to stay up-to-date on all NHS related information that is disseminated through email and the chapter Google Classroom. All questions/concerns should be addressed initially by the member to the appropriate officer or adviser. <u>Membership:</u> I understand that, if accepted, I will submit \$10.00 for my induction fee prior to the induction date TBD. I also agree to pay annual dues (beginning next school year) of \$20.00 during both your Junior and Senior year.

I agree to follow the above guidelines as well as the regulations stated in the National Honor Society By-laws found on the OMHS NHS website and realize failure to do so will result in dismissal from the National Honor Society. I understand that this form must be filled out completely and turned in by 4/10/20 at 2:18pm in order to be considered for NHS membership. No exceptions will be made.