



Murrieta Valley High School Chapter of the National Honor Society

Character ■ Scholarship ■ Leadership ■ Service

YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN NHS

Dear Scholar and Prospective Member,

Congratulations! This invitation to apply to the National Honor Society of Murrieta Valley High School comes in recognition of your excellent academic record and demonstration of superior scholarship. Please read the information and membership requirements below to help you decide if you would like to become a part of NHS.

Sincerely,

NHS Adviser, Executive Officers and NHS Members

What is the National Honor Society?

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the leader among organizations and societies, established by the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1921. NHS seeks to recognize students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of ***Scholarship, Character, Leadership, Service and Citizenship***, ideals essential to citizenship and the foundation of this prestigious organization.

Benefits:

Colleges recognize NHS membership and when put on a college resume NHS can **increase your chances of admission!**

Percentage of graduating members that went to various colleges in past years:

Ivy Leagues and the equivalent (Stanford, MIT, etc.):	10%
University of California:	25%
California State:	25%
Other Private Schools:	30%

What is Membership?

Membership is both ***an honor and a responsibility*** bestowed upon a student. Members demonstrate a willingness to use talents and skills for the improvement of society, making a positive difference in the lives of individuals. NHS members are active participants in community service opportunities organized by the Executive Officers of the MVHS Chapter. Membership in NHS can be used on your resume, as it is an important indication to prospective employers/colleges regarding your academic accomplishments, as well your character and commitment to responsibility.

Members must be willing and able to enthusiastically support the Chapter's bylaws by:

1. Completing 2.5 hours of ***NHS-Sponsored*** Community Service and 4 hours of tutoring prior to induction.
2. Attending the Induction Ceremony (and rehearsal) and all published meetings.
3. Returning the signed NHS Club Contract and paying dues to cover club-related expenses.
4. Participating in an ***NHS-Sponsored*** Community Service Project (minimum 5 hours each year).
5. Participating in the required Community Service Tutoring in the MVHS library (minimum 8 hours each year).

6. Maintaining “good standing” by meeting all NHS academic and community service requirements.
7. Demonstrating outstanding character in regards to moral and ethical behavior, as a role model for MVHS.

What is the NHS Selection Process for Membership?

All students who meet the criteria are invited to submit an NHS Application to be considered for selection to our school Chapter. All eligible candidates are reviewed and selected by the Murrieta Valley High School’s NHS Faculty Council. The reviewing process includes evaluating the student according to a matrix based on NHS standards and feedback from other staff and faculty at MVHS. The final selection is determined solely on the vote of the Faculty Council. New members are inducted during the annual Spring Induction Ceremony.

What are the requirements for Application?

- GRADE LEVEL:** Sophomore or Junior
- ENROLLMENT:** Must have attended MVHS for at least two semesters
- GPA:** Cumulative GPA of 3.85 or higher; must be maintained through the duration of membership.
- RECOMMENDATIONS:** Two [2] Teacher Recommendations. At least one must come from a core-subject teacher

APPLICATION PROCESS: If you meet the requirements above and are willing to conscientiously support the Chapter by-laws with your time and efforts, please proceed as outlined below.

1. Obtain an official NHS Application and two Teacher Recommendation forms from the NHS Adviser or the MVHS website (attached for your convenience).
2. Have the counseling department verify your GPA.
3. Turn in the correctly completed NHS Member Application to the front desk or to Ms. Santa Cruz, NHS Adviser (Room 710).
4. Request recommendations from two teachers using the Teacher Recommendation Form. Fill out the top portion before asking for your recommendation. *Note: Turn in your application immediately. Teachers will submit recommendations directly to the advisor.*

Please note: Turning in these forms does not guarantee admittance. Applications will be reviewed by the NHS Faculty Council and candidates will be notified of the decision within in 4 weeks of the Application deadline. New members are officially accepted into the organization at the Induction Ceremony in the spring.

“The high destiny of the individual is to serve rather than to rule.”

Albert Einstein