### **National Honor Society Selection Criteria**



Becoming a member of the National Honor Society is a high achievement. Selection into the National Honor Society is based on four areas – Scholarship, Character, Leadership and Service. This selection process is initiated in September for students in grades 10-12 and involves screening of candidates.

#### Sophomore, Junior & Senior applications must be returned to the High School Office by: Friday, September 20, 2024 @ 3:45 PM.

To be eligible, a student must maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA and have 50 hours of documented Silver Cord volunteer service on file with the guidance counselor. The student must complete the following application form and essay prompts regarding their involvement and achievements both in and out of school activities. The essay prompts are chosen annually by the Faculty Council and will incorporate one or more of the four pillars of the National Honor Society. Responses will be scored based on quality and thoughtfulness.

A list of candidates who have made proper application for admission will be created and presented to the entire high school faculty. Faculty members are asked to complete an official input form provided by the Chapter Adviser.

The Faculty Council consists of five members with the chapter advisory being the sixth, non-voting member. The Council will review the application data and based on the information a decision will be made. Acceptance into the Honor Society will be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ understand that membership status into the National Honor Society and the responsibility that carries with it. I also understand that actions judged by the Faculty Council to be unbecoming to a National Honor Society member will be grounds for sanctions up to and including revoking membership status. This includes, but is not limited to, student misconduct in or out of school, as well as maintaining the minimum GPA.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

## KEOTA HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



Name \_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade

- Candidates must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5.
- Essays can be typewritten, but all activities must be HAND WRITTEN in the tables below.
- Candidates during the 2024-25 school years must have a minimum of 50 hours of documented Silver Cord volunteer service. Beginning with the 2025-26 school year, candidates must have a minimum of 75 hours of documented Silver Cord volunteer service. These hours may be used toward the completion of the KHS Silver Cord Recognition Award.
- Silver Cord forms are kept on file with the KHS guidance counselor. Any forms that have not already been turned will need to be <u>submitted to the guidance counselor</u> by the application due date.

**Co-curricular Activities:** List all activities in which you have participated during high school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc. and major accomplishments and special honors in each.

Activity

 $9^{th}$   $10^{th}$   $11^{th}$   $12^{th}$ 

**Major Accomplishments** 

**Leadership Positions:** List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community, or work activities. Only those positions in which you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. For example, elected student body, class or club officer; committee chairperson; team captain; newspaper editor; work area manager or community leader.

Leadership Position	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	Major Accomplishments

**Community Activities:** List community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishments in each. These should be any activities outside of school in which you participate for the betterment of your community. For example, church groups, clubs sponsored outside of school, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, volunteer groups, or community art endeavors.

**Community Activity** 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>

**Major Accomplishments** 


Work Experience, Recognition, and Awards: List below any job experiences, honors, or recognition that you have received which support your bid to be selected for membership of National Honor Society. Work experience may be paid or volunteer.

#### Work Experience, Recognition

# KEOTA HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY 2024 Essay Questions

The National Honor Society strives to recognize four ideals – Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Your Scholarship has already been exhibited through your cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater. The following questions will focus on the other three ideals of the National Honor Society – Service, Leadership, and Character.

**Directions:** Please use your best handwriting to answer these questions. Spelling and grammar will not count against you, but your answers should include complete thoughts and be easily understood by the selection committee. You may use the back of the page if you need more room.

1. Leadership: Explain why you feel that you have demonstrated the ideal of leadership at Keota High School.

2. Character: Explain why you feel that you have demonstrated the ideal of character at Keota High School.


3. **Service:** The KHS National Honor Society has been recently accredited nationally. With this comes the requirement of completing a group service project each year. What ideas do you have for something the NHS could do for a group service project that would benefit the school and/or community?
