

National Honor Society

Requirements for Osceola High School



Pinellas County schools allow NHS membership to begin in the **junior** year. Membership in the National Honor Society is based upon excellence in four areas:

Scholarship: To be eligible, a student must be currently enrolled at Osceola and have a weighted GPA of 3.5 , an unweighted GPA of 3.0 and must have attended Osceola for at least one full semester.

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. Students **must** provide evidence of a minimum of 20 hours of service in the previous year.

Leadership: Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitude about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

Character: The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, takes criticism willingly, observes instructions and rules, has powers of concentration and self discipline. **Students must have a clear discipline record for one previous year.**

In order to evaluate a member's leadership, service and character, each staff member is given an evaluation sheet. This confidential sheet asks the teacher to rate each student he knows using a scale from 1- 5 with five being high/outstanding. The Faculty council will not consider a student who does not attain an average faculty evaluation score of at least 3.5. A teacher who rates a student below 3 must provide substantiation. It is the teacher's choice whether or not to fill out the form; however all returned forms must be signed. The faculty Council then votes on the future members after verifying the information in the Student Information form.

After induction into the National Honor Society, continued membership is contingent on maintaining high standings including:

1. Weighted 3.5 GPA and unweighted 3.0 GPA
2. Completion of 30 service points during the membership year.
3. Attendance at meetings
4. Participation in chapter projects
5. Clear discipline record.- NO REFERRALS FOR ANY REASON FOR PREVIOUS YEAR.

Applications are available all summer and up to the application due date.