



## Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School

### National Honor Society



Character  
Scholarship  
Leadership  
Service

### Membership

Membership into the Gross Catholic chapter of the National Honor Society will be granted to those students who exhibit excellence in all the areas of **academics, character, leadership, and service**. Once inducted, the student must continue to exhibit these qualities to remain in good standing as an NHS member.

### Selection Process

#### *Eligibility*

To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a junior or senior, have been enrolled at Gross for at least one semester, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. The student must also be in good standing with their Marianist Mission Program hours. If a student meets all the above requirements, they are now eligible to apply.

Any junior or senior NHS member that transfers from another school and brings a letter from the principal or chapter advisor shall be accepted automatically as a member here at Gross. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

#### *Application*

Applications will go out within the first few weeks of the fall semester to those students who are eligible.

Students are required to fill out an activities and leadership form to demonstrate their involvement in their school and wider community and their leadership positions. Students must also write a short essay on character.

Lastly, teacher recommendations are required for application. Students will ask 4 faculty members. Only teachers at Gross Catholic may complete these recommendations. The top 3 recommendations will be considered. In order to be considered for acceptance into National Honor Society, the student must receive a total score of 40 or more on each of the recommendations. An example of the recommendation is below.

#### *Faculty Council*

Once the application deadline ends, the Faculty Council will meet to read through the applications, essays, and teacher recommendations. Selection of members will be by a majority vote of the council. The NHS sponsor (Mrs. Novotny) does not serve as a voting member of the Faculty Council. She is responsible for facilitating memberships and assisting students in applying for and participating in NHS.

#### *Acceptance and Nonacceptance*

Notification of probationary membership will be made once the Faculty Council finishes their evaluations. Parents and students will receive an acceptance letter with information about the induction ceremony which takes place in November. Students not accepted into NHS will be notified by the NHS sponsor and provided with areas of improvement as discussed by the Faculty Council. Students who are juniors are eligible to reapply the following year so long as they continue to meet the requirements stated above. Should a student be accepted into National Honor Society, he/she will be expected to complete at least one NHS service project (as determined by Mrs. Novotny) and pay \$10 in dues before the November induction.

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

The student named above is applying for admission to the National Honor Society.

**\*\*COMMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED. THEY ARE ESSENTIAL WHEN STUDENTS EARN A VALUE OF 2 OR LOWER IN ANY AREA\*\***

**Rating Scale:**

- 5 = One of the top few I have encountered
- 4 = Excellent
- 3 = Very good
- 2 = Above average
- 1 = Average
- 0 = Below average/The student does not demonstrate this trait

**Character**

**comments:**

1) honesty	0	1	2	3	4	5
2) reliability	0	1	2	3	4	5
3) respectful of others	0	1	2	3	4	5
4) maturity	0	1	2	3	4	5
5) high moral value	0	1	2	3	4	5

**Leadership**

1) independence	0	1	2	3	4	5
2) accountability/good use of time	0	1	2	3	4	5
3) good role model	0	1	2	3	4	5
4) takes initiative and follows through	0	1	2	3	4	5
5) works well with others	0	1	2	3	4	5

**Scholarship**

1) hard working	0	1	2	3	4	5
2) prepared for class	0	1	2	3	4	5
3) participates in class	0	1	2	3	4	5
4) cooperative with class rules	0	1	2	3	4	5
5) problem solver	0	1	2	3	4	5

total \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty signature: \_\_\_\_\_