Congratulations! You have qualified scholastically for membership in the National Honor Society with a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or above. Yet, scholarship is just the first step. You must also qualify in terms of your leadership, service, and character. Read through this nomination form carefully to reflect on what will be required for a favorable recommendation from the faculty committee.

I. Application Essay

The four pillars of the National Honor Society are service, leadership, character, and achievement. Your essay should address the following:

Describe how your personality and life experiences exemplify the four pillars of NHS.

*******Please limit your response to 500 words or less**********

Please do not simply define what the four pillars mean, but how these pillars are a reflection of who you are as a student at Barrington High School.

II. Online Recommendations

Recommendations will be completed by teachers, coaches, sponsors, and volunteer coordinators online. You must provide these individuals with the instructions attached to the end of this application packet.

A. Teacher Recommendations - Achievement and Character

Request that two of your academic teachers from your junior and/or senior year fill out the online teacher recommendation form. Politely request that they be as specific as possible in testifying to your demonstration of achievement and character in the classroom. I also recommend that you send thank-you notes to your teachers just as you would for college and scholarship applications. The instructions you must provide to your teachers are attached to the end of the application packet.

B. Sponsor/Coach - Character and Leadership

Request that one of your coaches or sponsors from your junior or senior year fill out the online coach/sponsor recommendation form. Politely request that they be as specific as possible in testifying to your demonstration of leadership and character outside of the classroom. I am not interested in titles such as captain, president, etc. I want to read evidence of your capacity to set the pace, to find the tone, and provide the tenacity for a task. I also recommend that you send thank-you notes to your coaches or sponsors just as you would for college and scholarship applications. The instructions you must provide to your coach or sponsor are attached to the end of the application packet.
C. Volunteer Coordinator - Leadership and Service
You must have completed **thirty hours of community service throughout high school** to merit consideration. A service project is any specific activity in which you have served the interests or needs of others. Do not designate as a volunteer project an activity that principally serves your own enrichment. For the guidelines on valid volunteer service hours, please visit the NHS website as well as the district volunteer website.

Request that someone who has overseen your involvement in a volunteer service project fill out the online volunteer coordinator form. The instructions you must provide to your volunteer coordinator is attached to the end of the application packet.

**BY MAY 4TH, 2018:**

1. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION ACCESSIBLE FROM THE NHS HOMEPAGE.**

2. **ALL RECOMMENDATION FORMS SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY YOUR TEACHERS/COACHES/SPONSORS ONLINE.**

3. **30 HOURS OF SERVICE SHOULD BE ON FILE WITH MRS. HORCHER IN THE GRC.**

   I will notify you of the decision by mid-May 2018.
The Applicant should complete the section below.

Student’s Name _____________________________  Student’s ID #: __________________

Teacher’s Name: _____________________________

Semesters that teacher has known student: _______

Thank you for agreeing to complete the online recommendation form to complete my National Honor Society application. Please follow the directions outlined below:

1. Please visit the Barrington High School homepage. www.barrington220.org/bhs
2. Click on the “Students” tab at the top of the page and select “Activities & Clubs”.
3. Scroll down the list of clubs and activities and select “National Honor Society”.
4. Click on the “Recommendation Form” link.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Turngren, the National Honor Sponsor, at LTurngren@barrington220.org.

Thanks again!
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

COACH OR CLUB SPONSOR OR EMPLOYER RECOMMENDATION

INSTRUCTIONS

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Thanks again!

________________________CUT ON THIS LINE AND DETACH TO GIVE TO EACH PERSON YOU SELECT _________________________

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR RECOMMENDATION

INSTRUCTIONS

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