

Beckman Catholic National Honor Society

Information regarding NHS is available through the Counseling Office. To be a member of the National Honor Society is considered an “honor”, not a given right or entitlement. The criterion for prospective members includes having achieved and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 in addition to leadership, character, and on-going service. The faculty council reviews the criteria of leadership, character, and service for potential members. Applications will be due on **March 12th** to the counseling office.

Scholarship: Applicants must have earned a minimum cumulative 3.5 grade point average.

Leadership: Leadership is demonstrated in the classroom, at work, in school and in community activities.

Applicant Leadership Requirement:

1. A student is a leader who initiates membership and is actively involved in at least two school/community organizations. Demonstrated leadership must meet the criteria set forth by each club or activity.
2. Applicants must submit a 250-500 word essay detailing their involvement and addressing membership criteria in two leadership activities. An essay must be written for each of the leadership activities and must be signed by the applicant and each moderator.

Character: While difficult to define, character is most essential in NHS members. It includes such things as consideration for all others and social justice.

The person of good character:

- takes constructive criticism and accepts recommendations graciously;
 - consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (positive attitude; integrity & respect)
 - upholds the principles of morality and ethics in conversation and behavior;
 - consistently demonstrates the highest standards of honesty, reliability and responsibility.
1. Students who violate the Beckman Activity Code or who manifest behaviors which are a danger to themselves or others (i.e. drinking, drug use, etc.) will automatically be delayed in their admission to NHS. Students already in NHS will be on probation for at least one semester minimum.
 2. Once a student is inducted to NHS and a question regarding character later arises, a student may appeal judgment and have a hearing with the NHS council. The decision of the Council is final.
 3. The following objective behavior will be considered in determining selection: Detentions, tardiness, referrals, cheating and violation of the internet policy. (This list is not inclusive.)

Applicant Character Requirement:

1. Applicant must be on good standing in relationship to the criteria set forth above.
2. The applicant must submit a two part essay. Each part should be 250-500 words. Refer to the character points above.

- What is your character strength and how is that reflected in your life?
- What is your weakest character trait and how are you working to improve in that area?

Service: Defined in terms of on-going contributions made to school, parish, and community. Beckman Catholic NHS service has been defined (objectively) in terms of six hours of service to Beckman beyond the Theology requirement.

* The six additional service hours will involve tutoring/assisting others in the Beckman community. A verification signature is required. Students who have a full course load will need to meet with Mrs. Atwater to form an alternative service project.

Applicant Service Requirement:

1. The applicant must complete 6 hours of service beyond the 12 hour annual service requirement. The 12 junior service hours and the six additional hours (18 total) must be completed and verified by March 12. All previously required service hours must also be completed.
2. The applicant must reflect on their service experience and address in a 250-500 word essay how that experience relates to one component of the Beckman Catholic Mission Statement. The components of the mission include: life-long learning, global awareness, personal growth, and spiritual development. An adult verification signature is required on the essay.