

St. Pius X Chapter
National Honor Society
Student Application Packet

Name _____

Please read the entire introduction and packet carefully:

There are 4 parts of this packet that you need to complete: Co-Curricular Activities, Leadership Positions, Service Activities, and a Student Character Essay. Please fill out the Co-Curricular Activities, Leadership Positions, and Service Activities sections in the blank spaces provided in this packet as completely as possible. Type the Student Character Essay in a separate sheet in MLA format (this includes a heading block of name, NHS adviser's name, NHS, and date).

The Student Character Essay is the section of this application where students have the opportunity to inform the evaluation committee about activities in which they are involved outside of school, including but not limited to: any job experience, honors, awards, or recognition that they have received which support their applications to be selected for membership into the National Honor Society. Students may also include any other accomplishments or information that did not fit into the earlier sections of the application. In their essays, the applicants should also feature reasons as to why they feel they would be valuable members of the St. Pius X Chapter of the National Honor Society. This essay should be written assuming the evaluator knows nothing about the applicant.

This application is evaluated on a points-based system by a committee of teachers. The entire application is worth a total of 20 points. Each section is worth 5 points. Only students who receive 16 or more points will be accepted into the National Honor Society. This means that if a student leaves one of the four sections blank, he or she will automatically lose 5 points, earning a score of 15, and be ineligible to be inducted into the National Honor Society.

Because the Student Character Essay is worth 5 points, one point will be deducted for each spelling/grammatical/MLA error. Applicants should keep in mind that if they have more than four errors in their essays, their scores will not be high enough to be admitted into NHS, so PROOFREAD!!! Students should use MLA format for their essays. Also, because St. Pius X faculty members serve on the admission committee, students should NOT ask teachers to proofread their essay. Proofreading should be done by family members, peers, or someone outside of SPX.

This application is due Friday, September 6th, 2024 before 3:00 PM. Applications turned in later than the specified due date and time will not be accepted. Please turn in this entire application packet along with your Student Character Essay (typed on a separate sheet of paper) to the main office.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Schoemehl at school or via email at cschoemehl@stpius.com. Students not accepted into NHS have the right to one appeal, where the evaluation committee will consider that student's attendance record and overall St. Pius X service hours as part of the appeal process.

Part IV: Student Character Essay: Please include an answer to EACH question in your essay obviously; What is positive character? How do you value positive character (include additional activities, awards, etc. that might exemplify positive character)? How will you contribute to the positive character to the St. Pius X chapter of the National Honor Society? When have you FAILED at positive character and what did you learn from the experience?

Essay must be between 200-300 words, MLA format

(5 points, 1 point deducted for each spelling or grammatical error or MLA format error)

National Honor Society Application Grading Rubric

Student's Name: _____ Total Points: _____

	5	4	3	2	1	0
Co-Curricular Activities	Includes substantial and varied participation in at least 4 clubs, sports, music, government, or other school organizations for more than 1 year.	Participation in three school organizations for more than one year.	Participation in two school organizations for more than one year, or one major activity along with a few peripherals.	Lists only one school organization or membership or has participated in some organizations, but nothing current.	Items listed do not qualify as co-curricular activities.	Blank
Leadership Positions	At least 3 major leadership positions held, inside or outside of school, along with explanation of duties.	Two major leadership positions held, inside or outside of school, along with explanation of duties.	One major leadership position held, inside or outside of school along with explanation of duties.	Leadership position(s) held, with vague or no explanation of duties.	Items listed do not qualify as leadership.	Blank
Service Activities	At least 6 varied service events for both Pius X and other organizations with explanations.	4 to 5 varying service events are listed or 3 to 5 events are listed but service isn't varied, with explanations.	3 minor service events are listed / vague explanations.	2 service events are listed / vague or no explanation of service.	One service event is listed.	Blank
Student Character Essay	No spelling or MLA or grammatical errors AND essay completely answers the prompt well.	1 error / essay answers the prompt, but not well OR missing a portion of the prompt.	2 errors / essay answers the prompt basically OR missing a portion of the prompt.	3 Errors / missing portions of the prompt.	4 Errors / missing much of the prompts.	5 or more errors OR no essay turned in.



National Honor Society Service Hours for the
St. Pius X High School Chapter

Student fills out all below information except the Supervisor Signature:

Student Name (printed): _____ Graduation Year: _____

Service Event title: _____

Organization served: _____

Location took place: _____

Service duties (list things you did to serve this organization)

Date of Service: _____ Number of Hours Served: _____

Submitted on Mobileserve (check box when submitted)

Signature of Student: I agree that all of the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge:

Name of Supervisor (printed) _____

Signature of Supervisor (signed by Supervisor only) _____

NHS Service Hours

NHS students at St. Pius X High School are required to complete at least 5 service hours each year in service to the St. Pius X community OUTSIDE of school/class time. These hours may also count toward their St. Pius X and/or A+ hour total, but separate forms must be completed and submitted. This form should be turned into the NHS Adviser. All service hours must be submitted to Mobileserve as well.

NHS Service Hours Opportunities

- Tutoring at Mandatory Learning Center 2 or more times (see requirements page for more info)
- Working the concession stand at sports events
- Volunteering for service projects *outside of the school day*
- Working any other event *outside of the school day* at StPX
- Contribute to the overall service of StPX

