

# Get the Most Out of Your Membership in the National Honor Societies

**It all begins with you.** By taking advantage of the college and career planning, leadership development, and service involvement opportunities that your National Honor Society (NHS) or National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) membership offers, you will enhance the reputation and effectiveness of your organization. An effective chapter is an asset to your school and a strong school builds a strong community and world.

## FOLLOW THESE TIPS to become an active participant in your chapter.

### ATTEND

Attend and participate in all chapter meetings.



### COMMUNICATE

Share ideas and information about chapter activities whenever possible. Be a good listener and a strong oral and written communicator.



### PARTICIPATE

Participate in and support all chapter projects throughout the year, whether these involve service, fundraising, leadership and training, or other outreach to the school or community.



### MOTIVATE

Encourage others to get involved and remain engaged to support your chapter's activities. Help all students find one activity that they can become involved in to enhance their experience at school.

### LEAD

Consider running for office, serving as a committee chair, or volunteering for a specific responsibility at least once each year. Respect and support other chapter leaders in their duties and responsibilities.



### SUPPORT

Be a champion and encourage the ongoing use of democratic principles in all aspects of chapter activity. Be fair.



*The majority of college admission officers recommend students start preparing for college by ninth grade.*

Source: NHS-commissioned research conducted by Kelton Global, September 2015



*One in three college admission officers say they consider volunteering in the local community the most impressive activity of a potential student.*

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*In recent years, individual chapters of the National Honor Societies have contributed on average*

**1,161**

*hours to school and community service*

**\$26,000**

*in charitable donations*

**1,100**

*pounds of food to local, state, and national causes*

Source: NASSP Student Programs Service Report, Conducted Annually

### BE RESPONSIBLE



Read and respond to all paperwork or other administrative requests in a timely and appropriate manner. Adhere to deadlines. If your chapter charges member dues, pay them willingly and on time. (If you are experiencing financial difficulty in paying dues, speak with your adviser.)



### BE A ROLE MODEL

You are an ambassador of your chapter and the national organization. Each member represents the Honor Society and retains a responsibility to reflect the values of the organization in all that he or she does.



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bring new inductees and transfer members into the fold to help each of them become an active part of the chapter quickly.



### SERVE

Promote service through your individual and chapter service projects and by supporting service activities done by other groups both at school and in the community.

### GET #FUTUREADY

Visit [www.nhs.us/students](http://www.nhs.us/students) or [www.njhs.us/students](http://www.njhs.us/students) and explore the opportunities that come with your membership.

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