**Towson High School High School**

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CANDIDATE INFORMATION COVER SHEET**

1. **Candidate Information** (Please type or print):

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| Name: |  |  |  |
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Please initial each box as you complete these items as a reminder prior to submitting your criteria for process.

q Type the information and **share through BCPS OneDrive with Ms. Greenberg at**   **cgreenberg@bcps.org**

q Candidate information forms need to be submitted before 2:20 pm on April 22, 2022

q Failure to submit the necessary information by the deadline will result in your information not being considered for the current school year.

q I have verified that my current cumulative GPA is 3.7 or higher.

**IMPORTANT**: **Please read complete the following**

If selected for membership in the National Honor Society, I agree to the following:

I will participate in at least seven of the monthly NHS meetings.

I will not let my grade point average fall below a cumulative 3.7 any semester.

I will abide by all school rules, local, state, and federal laws.

I will attend the Induction Ceremony.

I understand that failure in any of the above areas is grounds for probation and/or removal from NHS.

I will sign and abide by the Towson High School High School’s Student Code of Conduct and the NHS Commitment Form.

**Candidate Signature & Parent/Guardian Signature**

I certify that the information provided on this information packet is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that any inaccurate or misleading information will jeopardize my membership privilege. I further certify that I will, if accepted, abide by the rules and support the goals of the National Honor Society.

Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I/We have reviewed this document and the attached cover letter. We are aware of the requirements for membership and recognize that failure to comply with these standards may disqualify this potential candidate. We have reviewed the attached selection criteria. We also understand that students selected for the National Honor Society must attend meetings and functions as required. We recognize that students will be required to perform community service, uphold leadership standards, and maintain a high degree of character; we understand that failure to do so may result in removal from the NHS.

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| *Parent/Guardian Name(s)* | *Parent/Guardian Signature(s) Date* |

**Commitment Contract**

Have you ever been suspended from school or from athletic/activity participation due to violation of the governing Code of Conduct? **Yes No**

If yes, please provide a brief explanation of the event and the date of its occurrence. Also, explain what you have learned from this experience and how you have changed your behavior.

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I understand that if my information is found to contain false or misleading information it will result in the candidate, if selected, having their membership revoked and removed from NHS. I further understand that completion of this form does not guarantee membership, but I am being considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

I realize that copies of any disciplinary actions while in attendance at Towson High School High School will be provided to the Faculty Council to review during the selection process. Although they will be reviewed by the Faculty Council, they are considered in reference to the six pillars of character as defined by the NHS Handbook.

I understand that I have already met the academic requirement for membership. In addition to the academic requirements, leadership and service, both in and outside of school, is required for membership. Candidates must also demonstrate a high level of integrity. Character, leadership, and service are equally weighed during the selection process. Although students who attain high academic achievement are to be commended, I understand that membership is not guaranteed to anyone strictly on the basis of grade point average.

I understand the above commitments and have provided accurate information. I understand that after submission of my candidate information packet I am holding myself to a code of conduct that exemplifies the pillars of National Honor Society, and if for any reason I fail to uphold those standards, my membership will be reconsidered and may be revoked by the Faculty Council.

Student Signature (Required): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (Required): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Directions**: Please complete all the light-blue highlighted areas of this form. Do not be modest. All information is useful to the Faculty Council.

Completion of this form is necessary for selection yet does not guarantee selection. Any section that is left blank without subsequent explanation will be considered invalid and result in non-selection.

 **Required sections:**

1. **Demonstration of Leadership and Service**
2. **Co-curricular Activities:** List all activities in which you have participated during high school. (Example: clubs, teams, musical groups.) Include a few details about your accomplishments in those activities.

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| ACTIVITY | “X” :those years of participation | Primary Accomplishment(s) **Adult Sponsor Name and Email** |
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1. List additional comments. If the above section is left blank, please explain why.

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**B. Leadership Positions:** List leadership positions which you have held or currently hold in school, in the community, or at work in which you have been responsible for directing or motivating others. (Examples: student body/class/club officer, committee chairperson, team captain, newspaper editor, work area manager.)

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| Position | “X” :those years of participation | Name of Organization **Adult Sponsor Name and Email** |
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Required sections to be completed for membership in the National Honor Society - cont’d.

**C. Community Activities:** List activities you have participated in *outside* of school that have contributed to the betterment of the community. (Examples: church groups, 4H, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, volunteer groups, or community art endeavors.)

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| Community Activity | “X” :those years of participation | Average number of HRS/WK contributed | Primary Accomplishments | Adult Sponsor Name and Email |
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Required sections to be completed for membership in the National Honor Society- cont’d.

**D. Work Experience, Recognition, and Awards:** List all (paid or volunteer) job experiences, honors, and/or recognitions that you have received which support this information packet for National Honor Society membership.

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| Position | “X” :those years of participation | Name of Organization **Adult Sponsor Name and Email** |
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Required sections to be completed for membership in the National Honor Society - cont’d

# Personal Statements: Respond to both of the following items. Please type your statements in 250 words. These personal statements are a very important part of this selection process, as they allow us to understand your motivation in seeking National Honor Society membership. Definitions of character, leadership, and service can be found in the NHS Handbook. Since these essays provide the Faculty Council an insight into your character, leadership, and service. Your essays must be coherent, organized, and well thought out. Make sure to include examples to communicate well with the Faculty Council.

Please note: Spend some time seriously thinking about why you want to be a part of NHS and what you will add to the group. Do not let the fact that membership in NHS can look good on a college or job application be your only reason for joining. If this is the only reason, you should rethink your decision.

1. What attribute do you most admire about your character and what attribute do you least admire about your character? How can your unique character contribute to the NHS mission? Provide at least two anecdotes about yourself that best illustrate your CHARACTER considering the questions above. Be as descriptive as possible. Note: do not include your name in the essay, but personal stories or characteristics are acceptable.
2. What is your motivation in seeking membership in a community service-based organization such as the National Honor Society? What service activities would you like to see NHS pursue this year? If selected to NHS, how would you contribute to its growth and success? What LEADERSHIP qualities do you have that will help facilitate activities? Note: do not include your name in the essay, but personal stories or characteristics are acceptable.

1. **Letter of Recommendation** Please email the Letter of Recommendation page from the website to your choice of adult for completion of your letter. The adult must submit it directly to Ms. Greenberg or the letter will not be accepted.

**Letter of Recommendation**

**Towson High School High School National Honor Society**

**Directions to Student:** Identify an adult in the community or school who can attest to the SERVICE, CHARACTER, AND LEADERSHIP that you have provided over the past two years and/or longer. All letters must be received by 2:20 pm on April 22, 2022**.**

**Directions to Writer:** Towson High School High School is in the process of selecting National Honor Society members. We would like your feedback as to the SERVICE, CHARACTER, and/or LEADERSHIP this candidate has demonstrated. Please attach a letter to this page to comment on:

* *the candidate’s commitment to service*
* *the nature of the activities*
* *how this person demonstrated leadership in events or organizations*
* *additional comments about the CHARACTER (honesty, reliability, etc.) of the candidate*

Please email to Cynthia Greenberg at cgreenberg@bcps.org with the student’s name in the subject line.

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| Relationship to Candidate:Phone Number: |

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| How long have you known the candidate? |  |

Please attach a separate letter to this page, or type letter below, to comment on this individual's character, service and leadership based on your observations and experiences.