



# Winston Churchill High School National Honor Society

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APPLICANT MEETING



# What is the National Honor Society?

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The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of **scholarship, leadership, service, and character**. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921.

Source: National Honor Society Website  
<http://www.nhs.us/about-us.aspx>



# The four “pillars” of NHS

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Scholarship

Service

Leadership

Character



# Self Advocacy

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**self-ad-vo-ca-cy**

*noun*

the action of representing oneself or one's views or interests



# New Member selection

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The NHS Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) makes all selections.

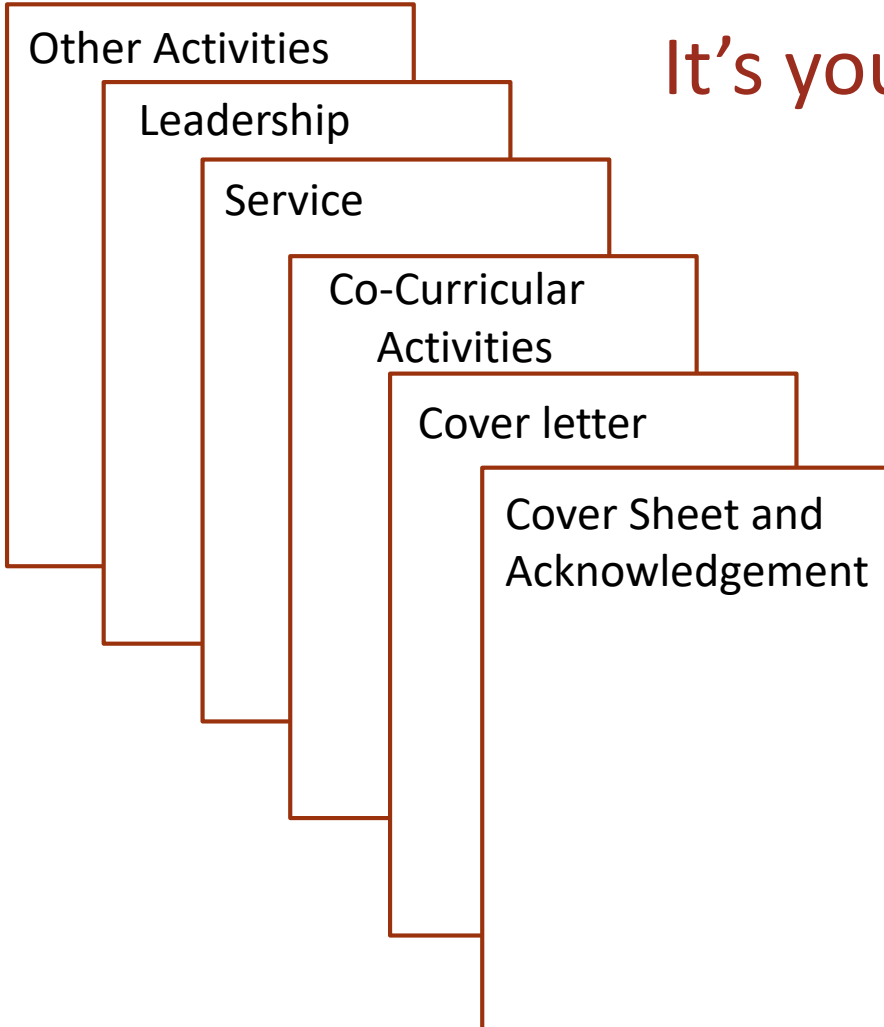
Decision made using:

- Student application
- Input regarding character from WC faculty



# The application

It's your *voice* in the selection process.



- Make it look professional – type it
- Make sure it is complete
- Give yourself time
- Make sure to get the required signatures
- Add supporting documents as you see fit

The entire application is available on the website. You can begin completing it at anytime over the summer if you want to get a head start!



# Part 1: Cover Sheet and Acknowledgement

## Online Form

**Winston Churchill Online Application Form Spring 2018**

All applicants must complete this form as part of their application.

Please CaPiTaLiZe appropriately. The information submitted here is used to generate new member certificates.

\* Required

**Student ID \***  
Enter you seven-digit student identification number.

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

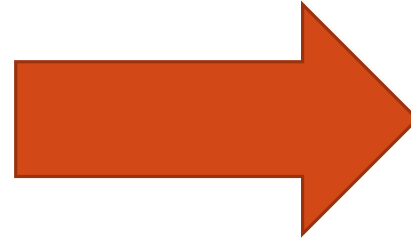
**Last Name \***

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_


**First Name \***


Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

# Online



## Cover Letter

 **National Honor Society**  
Winston Churchill High School

 **New Member Application**

**Applicant Student ID: 123344**

**Applicant Name: Reinhard, Zane**

Nickname:  
Class: Junior  
Email address: zreinh@neisd.net

**Parent/Guardian Information:**

Name: Brazil, Amy  
Email: (Parent Email)

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**Decision Acknowledgement**

The invitation you received to apply for National Honor Society is based solely on your academic performance to date. It is no guarantee of selection as it represents only one aspect of the selection criteria.

By signing below and submitting your application, you and your parent/guardian are agreeing to the National Honor Society selection process as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws. The selection process includes an evaluation of your application and supporting documents by our chapter's faculty advisory council and a confidential evaluation by your teachers. Both inputs are used to determine selection. Members are selected using the four pillars of the NHS – scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

All activities and leadership positions must be accompanied with the signature, printed name, and email or telephone number of the adult in charge of the activity. You are responsible for completing this form and returning it before the deadline (check website).

You and your parent must sign this application to indicate that you agree to be evaluated and you agree to accept the decision of the Faculty Advisory Council in determining membership selection.

# Email



# Part 2: Cover letter

## Cover Letter

In no more than 250 words, tell the Faculty Advisory Committee why you should be selected for Winston Churchill's National Honor Society. Highlight your accomplishments – academic, curricular, service, and leadership. Do not merely rehash the information in your application. Rather, tell the committee what makes you unique; what makes you stand out.

Do not include your name or other identifying information in your letter to the extent possible.

## Why should you be selected as a new member in NHS?

Do...	Don't...
Highlight your most important accomplishments and expand on them	List everything you have done
Explain your strengths	Brag
Show you meet the qualifications of character, leadership, and service	Worry about scholarship – you already meet that requirement

\*Example Cover Letters will be available on the NHS website by summer.





# Part 3: Activities Tables

ALL entries must be accompanied by a signature verification from an ADULT sponsor or documentation proving participation.

<b>Verification Information</b> (Must include signature, printed name, and contact information for the activity sponsor.)

Signature verifications must include:

1. Printed name
2. Email or telephone number of verifier
3. Signature of verifier
  - \* Parent signatures are not substitutes for the signature of a sponsor.

Accepted documentation\*

- Certificate of participation
- Letter
- Email

\*Should include your name, date, and hours.



# Part 3: Co-Curricular Activities

These are activities that you participate in **at Churchill**. They include clubs, sports, band, and UIL activities.

Hours Invested – do not exaggerate. It is okay to estimate how many hours you put in to an activity but if the number is really high consider explaining it as part of the description section. There is no need to explain the time in marching band or a sport – the FAC is aware of the hour requirements.

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Name: [type your name here]

### Extracurricular

Extracurricular activities are school sponsored sports, clubs, organizations, and events you participate in at Churchill. All activities must include the signature, printed name and contact information (telephone number or email address) of the sponsor, coach, etc. Place an X in the column for each grade-level you participated in the activity.

When necessary, describe the activity. For example, if you are involved in our Theatre Arts programs, describe your level of involvement to help provide a better picture of your participation in it. Only list and describe activities you are involved in before or after school, not classes.

Add additional rows as necessary by hitting the TAB key from the last row.

Activity	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Verification Information (Must include signature, printed name, and contact information for the activity sponsor.)



# Part 3: Community Service

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Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Service

Community Service is an activity where your participation helps others in the community or improves the community. Church groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, volunteer groups, or community art endeavors are all acceptable examples of service opportunities. You may attach an additional sheet if necessary.

List activities from the newest to the oldest. Do not include activities prior to your Freshman year. If you participated in an activity over multiple years, list each school year separately.

Add additional rows as necessary.

Grade	Organization Name	Briefly describe the community service	Hours invested	Sponsor (Please print your name and sign.)
11	Animal Defense League	The ADL takes in stray dogs and cats and helps them find new families. I spent time walking the dogs, cleaning kennels, and feeding the animals.	20	

Community Service Page 1 of 1

The is where you tell the FAC about all of the volunteering you do. Applicants who have not shown a history of service often do not get accepted. If you don't have it, go get it this summer! NHS is a service organization so the more the better.

Applicants should have at least 20 hours of volunteer time each year. Make sure to clearly explain the activity – often times applicants undersell their service.

Not all service hours are equal! Helping Mom out at work is not the same as digging ditches in a developing nation. However, it's not a competition with other students so it's okay if you haven't dug a ditch lately.



# Part 3: Leadership

This is the most difficult portion of the application process for many applicants.

Leadership can come in many forms – officer positions in a club or organization; a captain of a team; organizing an event; managing a group; taking charge of an opportunity to make it better.

Be thorough in your descriptions.

Don't panic if you lack leadership but do everything you can to find opportunities before your application is due.

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

### Leadership

Leadership is defined as elected or appointed positions held within the school, community, or work place. Include positions in which you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others. Think carefully about your past few years. Often times meaningful leadership experiences are listed incorrectly on the *Service* page.

List activities from the newest to the oldest. Do not include activities prior to your Freshman year. If you participated in an activity over multiple years, list each school year separately.

Add additional rows as necessary.

Grade	Activity Name	Briefly describe the activity and any accomplishments	Hours invested	Sponsor (Please print your name and sign.)
11	Historian – Science Fiction Book Club	The Science Fiction Book Club is made up of students interested in science fiction books and movies. As Historian, I was responsible for taking pictures, reporting to the year book staff our books and other activities.	35	



# Part 3: Other activities

On a club soccer team? Have a job?  
Make pottery and sell it? Have something else that you do outside of school or doesn't have a *home* on the other sections of the application that you want the FAC to consider? This is your place.

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Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

### Other Activities

Other Activities are those activities that are not included on the other application forms but you feel show your involvement within the community. Other Activities may include participation on club sport teams, significant employment, and any other meaningful activity that you believe is representative of you.

List activities from the newest to the oldest. Do not include activities prior to your Freshman year. If you participated in an activity over multiple years, list each school year separately.

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# WC NHS Website

The application, important dates, and other information about our Chapter can be found on our website.

Access the website by going to the Organizations page on Churchill’s website or by going to Mr. Reinhard’s teacher page.

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Spring 2018 Applications are due by Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

### Application Instructions

You should dedicate time to completing your NHS application. Applicants with completed and neat applications have the best chances of

There are **three parts** to the application: the online cover sheet, the cover letter, and the activities tables. A completed application requires all three parts. While incomplete applications will be reviewed, any application that does not include the Cover Sheet and Acknowledgement (part 1) signed by both the applicant and a parent/guardian will be discarded.

### 2018 Spring NHS Application

Below are links to the parts of the application.

You must complete all three parts, print them, and submit them by the deadline. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**Part 1 - Online Application Cover Sheet and Acknowledgement**

**Part 2 - Cover Letter (Word Document)**

**Part 3 - Activities Tables (Word Doc)**

**Google Doc Versions - Alt Version**

Make a copy before entering information into this version of the application.

[www.winstonchurchillnhs.weebly.com](http://www.winstonchurchillnhs.weebly.com)



# Important deadlines

Applications are **due no later 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27.**

**Turn in at A103, C203, or C204.**

Must be complete – additional information, extra documentation, etc. will not be accepted after that date

There are no acceptable excuses that will allow applications to be submitted after that date/time.



# Important dates

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Application Due Date: **February 27, 4:30 pm (Tuesday)**

Decision Announcements: **March 23 (Friday)**

Mandatory Orientation Meetings: **April 2-5**

Induction Rehearsal: **April 16 after school**

Induction Ceremony: **April 17, 7 pm**





# Membership expectations

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- Attend all monthly membership meetings
- Maintain a 90 or greater GPA
- Earn a minimum of 10 service hours per semester\*
- Participate in at least one NHS Outreach Project per school year

\* Beginning next school year. Hours earned over the summer (after June 8) can be applied to your Fall requirements.



# *Questions*



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# *Answers*

**[www.winstonchurchillnhs.weebly.com](http://www.winstonchurchillnhs.weebly.com)**

Mrs. Morrow – C203

Mrs. Ramsey – C204

Mr. Reinhard – A103