

Qualifications for NHS:

Selection for membership is based on scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the junior or senior class. Candidates must have been in attendance at Elmwood High School the equivalent of one semester.

Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum of a 3.6 accumulative grade point average to show that the members demonstrate excellence in the classroom. These scholastic levels of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum scholastic level of achievement for admission to candidacy. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above such standard may be admitted to candidacy for election to membership. Their eligibility shall then be considered on their service, leadership, and character.

Each candidate meeting the scholastic requirement desiring admission into the Elmwood Royal Chapter of National Honor Society shall be asked to complete a formal application indicating all school and community activities and offices held and the signatures of one teacher, one club/organizational advisor/and the guidance counselor which will indicate their recommendation of the student into the National Honor Society. In addition, the student will have a transcript prepared to show attendance records, official transcript and a short essay completed by the student stating their reason for wanting entry into the National Honor Society. After receiving the formal application, the National Honor Society advisor will check to see that the candidate meets all requirements.

Members who fall below the required grade point average for one grading period shall be informed in writing by the chapter advisor two weeks after the grading period. The member's parents will also be advised of the situation. The student will be given one grading period to bring the nine weeks grade point average up to the minimum required. Failure to do so will be cause for dismissal and the student and the parents will be given written notice of the dismissal.

Each member after induction will be required to perform volunteer service. Members are required to complete at least 10 hours of community service during each year of membership. Students are encouraged to complete community service as much as they can in today's society. There are many volunteer opportunities available to students both during and outside of the school day. A student may not receive any kind of compensation (money, gift, extra credit, etc.) for their volunteer hours. The volunteer hours must be certified by completing the volunteer service form, including the signature of the person in charge of the activity. The volunteer service form can be printed for the Elmwood High School website. If the member has a question whether it will be considered a volunteer event, they should ask the advisor.