

National Honor Society Application Essay

Choose one of the following prompts and respond in a 200-300 word essay. Your typed, double-spaced essay should be thoughtful, well-planned, and written for a formal, discerning audience. Please include your name on the back of the essay to maintain anonymity in scoring.

- Why should you be selected for National Honor Society?
- Write about a specific time you exemplified leadership and what you learned from it?
- Explain in detail how you would carry out a specific service project to benefit your community.

	Strong	Sufficient	Limited
Content (10)	<p>Candidate demonstrates a strong understanding of his/her strengths, leadership, and/or community need through specific, thorough, and well explained examples.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10-9 points</p>	<p>Candidate demonstrates a sufficient understanding of his/her strengths, leadership, and/or community need through somewhat specific and adequately explained examples.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8-7 points</p>	<p>Candidate demonstrates a limited understanding of his/her strengths, leadership, and/or community need through non-specific and poorly explained examples.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6-0 points</p>
Writing Style (10)	<p>Candidate demonstrates a strong awareness of task, uses a sophisticated arrangement of ideas, and showcases a precise and illustrative variety of words and sentence structure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10-9 points</p>	<p>Candidate demonstrates a sufficient awareness of task, uses a functional arrangement of ideas, and showcases a generic variety of words and sentence structure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8-7 points</p>	<p>Candidate demonstrates a limited awareness of task, uses an inconsistent arrangement of ideas, and showcases a limited variety of words and sentence structure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6-0 points</p>
Conventions (5)	<p>Candidate demonstrates a strong control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage and sentence formation. (0-1 errors)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5-4 points</p>	<p>Candidate demonstrates a sufficient control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage and sentence formation. (2-3 errors)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3-2 points</p>	<p>Candidate demonstrates a limited control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage and sentence formation. (4+ errors)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1-0 points</p>

