

Applying for NHS Membership at Canastota High School

1. Must qualify to apply

- Junior NHS members must reapply for membership into NHS
- In September, cumulative grade point averages (GPAs) of all students in grades 10-12, are reviewed by NHS advisors. These numbers come from the overall average on end of the year report cards.
- Regents Exam grades are not included in the average, but local final exams are.
- New students who were already members of NHS at their prior school are automatically accepted. New students who were not NHS members at their prior school must be in attendance for at least one semester before being eligible to apply.
- **To qualify to apply, a student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 89.5 for all courses from 9th grade on.**

2. Application process (begins in the end of September)

- Qualified students receive a letter inviting them to apply. A letter is also be mailed home.
- The student will be added to our the NHS Applicant Google Classroom, and will be given the application electronically (Google Doc), along with directions on how to complete it.
- A student meeting will be held after invitation letters are handed out to further explain the process and answer any questions.
- A deadline of 2-3 weeks will be set.
- Application requires demonstration of the following areas, from 9th grade on: co-curricular activities, community service (with signatures), leadership (does not have to be an elected position), work experience/recognition/awards, essay

3. Selection & Notification (early October)

- Faculty council meets and reviews applications
- **Only complete applications are considered**
- Acceptance/denial letters are mailed

4. Induction (early November)

- New inductees and families are invited to attend
- 2 week notice given of induction date

5. Maintaining membership

- NHS Constitution and Bylaws are given to all members
- Must maintain an overall average of 89.5 GPA
- Must maintain leadership, character and service standards
- Dismissal procedures are outlined in the bylaws.