SLEHS National Honor Society Membership Information

NHS Membership Invitation:
- All SLEHS junior and senior students who have a cumulative GPA of a 3.50 or higher will automatically receive an invitation letter and supporting documents via email by mid-August announcing your eligibility to apply for NHS membership along with a code for the google classroom in which you will apply for membership.
- NHS membership is based on the four pillars of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. The application process is used to assess and verify evidence of student accomplishment in the latter three areas.

NHS Membership Application:
- The NHS application process involves the submission of a completed application made available through a google classroom. Deadline for submission is early September. All applications are reviewed by the NHS faculty council who are tasked with making final decisions on membership acceptance. Decisions are not made by faculty advisers.

1. Student Information Survey
   - Student and parent contact information
   - Signatures of three teachers recommending you for membership
   - List of advanced placement courses taken or currently enrolled in

2. Leadership Recommendation Form
   - Students describe a specific experience drawn from a school or community activity in which they have played a significant leadership role.
   - The leadership form must be signed by an adult supervisor of the activity (coach, mentor, organizational leader, etc.) attesting to the information provided. Supervisor contact information is also required. Parent signatures are not accepted. Therefore, think in advance about who you may need to contact to get a supporting signature.

3. Service Verification Form
   - Service is defined as voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, completed without compensation, and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.
   - Students describe a specific service experience drawn from a school or community activity.
   - The service verification form must be signed by an adult supervisor of the activity (coach, mentor, organizational leader, etc.) attesting to the information provided. Supervisor contact information is also required. Parent signatures are not accepted. Therefore, think in advance about who you may need to contact to get a supporting signature.

4. Short Answer Response Form
   - Students describe a talent or interest they possess that would be beneficial to South Lyon East’s NHS organization. (Response is required)
   - Students can provide additional information about themselves that they would like the faculty council to consider. (Response is optional)
5. **Essay**
   - Students submit a one page typed essay. Essay topic disclosed in application documents.

**Membership Acceptance and Induction Ceremony:**
- Membership decisions made by the faculty council will be communicated to all applicants by late September through written correspondence. **Incomplete applications, including missing signatures and contact information on service and leadership verification forms result in automatic denial of membership.**
- Unsuccessful applicants will be provided with feedback as to why their application was not accepted. Unsuccessful junior applicants will receive an invitation for membership in their senior year as long as their cumulative GPA remains above a 3.50 minimum.
- Successful applicants will be provided with information on membership fees (a $30 one-time fee), SLEHS NHS bylaws, and the date and time of the **mandatory** NHS induction ceremony (a Wednesday night in early October). Note: The format of this, as well as many other things is still uncertain. It may be a virtual ceremony.
- All students must make the induction ceremony to gain membership into the organization. No exceptions are granted! There is no make-up ceremony.

**Requirements for Maintaining NHS Membership:**
- Accumulate and document a minimum of 20 service hours over the course of each school year of NHS membership. Must accumulate 10 service hours by the end of the first semester and a total of 20 service hours by the end of the NHS year which ends in the middle of May.
- Service hours must include a minimum of 10 service hours supporting internal chapter activities and a minimum of 10 hours of service in non-chapter sponsored activities.
- Service hours must be from independent activities not associated with other outside organization membership requirements or other in-school extracurricular organization membership requirements.
- Maintain a minimum of a cumulative 3.50 GPA. Failure to do so will result in a one semester probation and expulsion if the GPA is not brought back to a 3.50 minimum.
- Attend membership meetings and contribute to chapter activities. Frequent absences can result in disciplinary actions of extra service hour or a requested resignation.
- Maintain a reputation of good character in the school and local community. Violations of the school codes of conduct can bring disciplinary actions including a review by the faculty council and can result in a recommendation for termination of membership.

**Additional Considerations prior to Application for Membership:**
Participation in NHS is a **commitment** and loyalty to the chapter will place demands on your personal time. Therefore, please consider your other commitments (within and outside the school) before applying. In the end, the quality of your participation in any extracurricular organization means much more than membership for the sole purpose of college admissions promotion. Therefore, please strive to find balance in extracurricular participation to maximize both personal and NHS organizational benefit.