

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY APPLICATION
JOHN F. KENNEDY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Excalibur Chapter

Your Name: _____

Your First Period Teacher: _____

Your current year in school: ____Senior ____Junior ____Sophomore

To apply for admission to or maintain membership in the Excalibur Chapter of the National Honor Society, a student must:

1. have attended Kennedy Catholic for at least three (3) consecutive semesters;
2. currently have and continue to maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.60 (grade point average will not be rounded to meet the minimum requirement);
3. be presently enrolled in at least two honors-level courses; and
4. have completed or be in the process of completing the number of honors-level courses outlined in the chart below, as determined by the student's year in school. These honors-level courses may be taken concurrently.

<u>Year in School</u>	<u>Minimum Number of Honors-Level Courses in Progress or Completed</u>
Sophomore	3
Junior	5
Senior	7

All National Honor Society members are expected to maintain membership requirements of the National Honor Society, including GPA, and to take part in National Honor Society service requirements, which include, but are not limited to, helping with evening events at the school and volunteering for at least one after-school tutoring shift per academic quarter in Lancer Academy. NHS members may be dismissed for failing to fulfill these obligations. Dismissal will result in the removal of the NHS designation from school records and, depending on the severity of the infraction, possible notification of colleges to which a student applied.

Three teachers may be asked to evaluate you. They will be asked about your strengths regarding the four characteristics required for entrance into the National Honor Society. These characteristics are: **Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service**. These characteristics are equally important in determining your acceptance into the National Honor Society.

Choose three teachers to evaluate you. Mr. Barbarossa will distribute the evaluations to the teachers you have chosen. **You do not ask teachers to evaluate you.** Just list your choices below. They do not need to be current teachers, though current teachers are preferable.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

To apply, complete the form and essays on the following three pages. Then, print a paper copy of this application and return it to Mr. Barbarossa in room C181 by 2:30 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022.

*To access the application, visit the Kennedy Catholic website.

Pathway: Student Life---Honor Societies---National Honor Society.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Date _____

Full Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Consult your first semester report card to verify your cumulative GPA. If your cumulative GPA is below 3.60, you will not be considered for admission to the National Honor Society.

Activities and/or awards: _____ (9th) _____ (10th) _____ (11th) _____ (12th)

(Write a check mark on each line corresponding to the office you held, club in which you participated, or award or recognition you received.)

Offices held:

School Government	_____	_____	_____	_____
Class	_____	_____	_____	_____
Club or activity	_____	_____	_____	_____
Church group	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other community group	_____	_____	_____	_____

Award for:	Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Science, math	_____	_____	_____	_____
	English, history	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Music, art	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Other	_____	_____	_____	_____

Participation in:	School activity	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Community activity	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Church activity	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Business	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Other	_____	_____	_____	_____

Publication of:	Poem, story, essay	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Artwork	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Music	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Photograph	_____	_____	_____	_____

Performance:	Play, dramatics	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Orchestra, band, choral group	_____	_____	_____	_____

Athletics:	Letter or major award	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Team manager	_____	_____	_____	_____

Select just one choice (a, b, c, or d) from each of the characteristics listed below.

Using only the space provided, use specifics to describe how you have fulfilled or exhibited that quality.
Handwrite or type responses.

LEADERSHIP

- (a) demonstration of leadership in the classroom or other organized work
- (b) demonstration of leadership in promoting school activities
- (c) successful holding of school offices or positions of responsibility
- (d) demonstration of positive attitudes or values

SERVICE

- (a) willingness to render any service to the school and community when called upon
- (b) willingness to do committee or staff work
- (c) readiness to show courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and/or other students

CHARACTER

- (a) meeting pledges and responsibilities to the school promptly
- (b) demonstration of highest standards of honesty and reliability
- (c) cooperation with school regulations
- (d) demonstration of concern for others

Select just one of the following prompts. On separate paper, please type an answer to the one prompt you select. Answers should include specific details and be no longer than two paragraphs in length. Please use MLA format, being sure to double-space your work and type it in Times New Roman or Arial.

- Select a novel, poem, song, or film that has significantly influenced your life or the way you see the world. Then, describe both how and why the chosen work influenced you.
- Suppose you could choose any fictional character from a work of literary merit to be your teacher in a high school class for a year. State the character you would choose and the subject that character would teach. Then, explain what you would learn from that character and why you chose him or her.
- The Roman playwright Plautus once wrote "*Nomen est omen*," which is Latin for "*Name is destiny*." Explore the meaning behind your own name and, offering a specific example, explain how Plautus's statement applies to you.
- Would you rather tell a lie for a good reason or tell the truth, even if doing so hurts? Describe a hypothetical situation in which you would do one or the other.