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SCHOLARSHIP: ACADEMIC, HONORS, AWARDS

Briefly describe any scholastic distinction or honors that you have earned or won starting with the 9th grade to present, such as science fairs, writing competitions, departmental awards, Honor Roll, MAC Conference Academic Award, etc. Honors & Awards could be service based. Copies of the Awards do not need to be submitted. Do not exceed the space below.

DATE EARNED OR WON	NAME OF ACADEMIC HONOR OR AWARD	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	POINTS EARNED

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LEADERSHIP: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Briefly describe your main extracurricular activities, starting with the 9th grade to present. List any appointed or elected positions held, such as President of SLS Club, Captain of the Soccer Team, Chairperson, committee member, Band section leader, class representative, etc. Indicate the dates of participation in the activity. Do not exceed the space below.

DATE(S) of PARTICIPATION	NAME OF ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	POSITIONS HELD	POINTS EARNED

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SERVICE: COMMUNITY SERVICE

Briefly describe any activities that were volunteer or service oriented (without any payment or compensation) starting with the 9th grade to present. Examples of service may include helping at food banks, soup kitchens, churches, community organizations, charity fundraisers (ex. Relay for Life, Breast Cancer Awareness), Booster Club or PTO. Babysitting and helping family members/friends are not examples of community service. Do not exceed the space below.

DATE OF SERVICE	NAME OF GROUP OR ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION OF ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES	POINTS EARNED

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PERSONAL STATEMENT- Directions

Your personal statement is an extremely important part of the application process because it helps the Faculty Council Evaluators become acquainted with you in ways that are different from your peers and other objective data on the application. The statement also allows you to demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself through your experiences. We know that you are an academically successful student, so please tell us more about who you are as a person and how your membership in this organization will have an impact on the greater community. Spend some time seriously thinking about why you want to be a part of NHS and what you will add to the organization. If the fact that membership in NHS can look good on a college or job application is your only reason for joining, you should rethink your decision to apply.

Tips:

1. Carefully reflect on the question. Spend some time making your answer thoughtful and creative.
2. Be sure to address the prompt and elaborate on your personal experience. Include clear examples and relevant details.
3. Respond with valid and honest thoughts and experiences that are representative of your character. Do not merely write what you believe the reviewers are looking for.
4. Use proper grammar, sentence structure, spelling and avoid using slang.
5. Ask someone to proofread your essay for you and check for clarity. Read the essay out loud to catch errors or illogical thoughts.
6. The reviewers will be looking for how well you express yourself and the content of your essay.
7. In the essay, you have the opportunity to present yourself to the NHS Faculty Council. Make yourself shine! Did you do something that you are especially proud of? Did you overcome a major obstacle that has shaped the way you look at the world? Use the essay as your opportunity to share who you are while answering the prompt.
8. **Academic Integrity is essential when writing your essay.** An essay that is not written by you does not represent the four pillars of NHS, nor an ideal member for our organization.

Essay Prompt: *“How you have grown personally from involvement in a community service experience?” What is the significance of your experience?”*

Describe at least one meaningful event from your personal involvement in a community service experience and provide examples. Describe your personal growth that you made while in the service of others. This essay may clarify any aspect of your background that may have limited your involvement in organized service, but indicates how you still meet the requirement of *Service* through service in non-traditional ways, such as through family hardships. How was this experience significant in your character growth?

Criteria: Attach your **typed** personal statement to your application as the last page (Page 4). The length is between 1 full page - no more than 1.5 pages using, 12pt font, double spaced, in a traditional vertical format. Only your application number should be included on your personal statement, *Do Not* include your name anywhere in the document.

Note- This page of directions, should not be included as part of your final application packet.