

**National Honor Society
Marriotts Ridge High School Chapter
Application Instructions
DUE OCTOBER 6, 2008**

Please read this entire packet and carefully follow all guidelines and deadlines. Ask Mrs. Rashid or Ms. Rizzo any questions you may have about the process.

1. **Read the MRHS NHS Bylaws:** All applicants should read the MRHS NHS Bylaws which can be found on Mrs. Rashid's Teacher Web site. This document describes the structure and functions of the organization as well as the criteria to remain a member in good standing. See Mrs. Rashid or Ms. Rizzo if you require a print copy of this document.
2. **Community Member Recommendation:** Students must collect a recommendation from a member of the community who is neither a MRHS faculty member nor parent. Possible sources include religious leaders, volunteer coordinators, or other character/leadership/service references. There is *no form* for these recommendations. Recommendations should be submitted in a formal, typed letter and included with the other application materials at the time of submission.
3. **Student Activity, Community Service and Leadership Forms:** Applicants must document and collect signatures from the appropriate sponsors for each of their qualifying activities. Email correspondence, copies of certificates and other official documentation may be used in lieu of signatures that cannot be obtained from out of state or inaccessible sponsors. Consult a NHS adviser if you have questions about documenting an activity. It is expected that all school related activities are documented with a staff member's signature. **PARENTS SHOULD NOT SIGN SERVICE FORMS.** These will be considered invalid and count against the student as a missing piece of data. Undocumented school activities will be also be considered invalid.
4. **Essay:** With your packet submit a 300-400 word **typed** one-page essay answering the question: "If inducted to the Marriotts Ridge National Honor Society, in what ways do you plan to contribute to the society's goals of scholarship, leadership, service and character?" Make certain to discuss each part of the question and give specific details to support your claims. Adhere to standard conventions of well-written English essays, with attention to creativity, appropriate and effective tone, and grammar. High quality writing is expected.
5. **Student Information Form:** Complete the student information form.
6. Complete the **Candidate Packet Checklist**. Completed packets must be turned in to **Mrs. Rashid in the media center by 2:15 on October 6th**. Late packets will NOT be considered unless due to an excused absence. Incomplete packets will not be considered by the selection committee.

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CO-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION FORM

Please provide as much information as possible about your activities. It is important that you represent yourself as accurately and honestly as possible. Type or print neatly.

Name: _____

Current Status: Junior _____ Senior _____

CO-CURRICULAR ORGANIZATIONS

List all activities in which you have participated during high school, both at Marriotts Ridge and in the community. Some examples include clubs, teams, class councils, committees, musical groups. Include any honors received while participating in these groups.

Organization/Accomplishments	9	10	11	12	Sponsor Signature	Printed Name

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

List all community service activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishments in each. These must be **unpaid activities** in which your participation contributed to the **betterment of your community**. Mowing lawns, babysitting for neighbors, etc. are **NOT** considered a service to the community.

Activity	9	10	11	12	Hours	Duties	Sponsor Signature	Printed Name	Phone Number

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LEADERSHIP

List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community, or work activities. Only those positions in which you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others should be included in your list. You do not have to have a title to be a leader. If you have not held a specific leadership position, please write a short explanation of how you have impacted a school, community or work situation in a positive way and attach it to this page.

Position Held	9	10	11	12	Hours	Duties	Sponsor Signature	Printed Name	Phone Number

Explanation of general leadership contributions in school, community and/or work situation:

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Candidate Packet Checklist

THIS FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR PACKET

The National Honor Society is an organization for exceptional juniors and seniors. The organization's objectives are to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, encourage a desire to render service, enhance leadership, and develop character in the students of Marriotts Ridge High School.

To be eligible for membership, you must:

- 1) Be a junior or a senior at Marriotts Ridge High School.
- 2) Maintain a minimum cumulative unweighted grade point average (GPA) of 3.4 on a 4.00 scale.
- 3) Have a positive record of conduct.
- 4) Show evidence of having participated in community service activities in the past.
- 5) Show evidence of having participated in school-related student activities.
- 6) Show evidence of having participated in leadership roles.
- 7) Complete and submit this packet **in its entirety directly** to Mrs. Rashid in the media center by 2:15 pm on October 6th.

This packet will be evaluated based on the goals of the organization. A junior who is rejected based on weakness in any of the areas listed above is welcome to re-submit the candidate packet the following year. If inducted, one must continue to meet the NHS qualifications and perform the minimum service activities required by the NHS governing body to remain a member.

Candidate Packet Checklist:

- _____ 1. **Community Member Recommendation**
- _____ 2. **Essay**
- _____ 3. **Student Activity Form**
- _____ 4. **Community Service Form**
- _____ 5. **Leadership Form**
- _____ 6. **Student Information Form**
- _____ 7. **Candidate Packet Checklist**

Return all materials in a manila envelope with **your signature and your parent or guardian's signature** to Mrs. Rashid in the media center by 2:15 PM on October 6th. **Do not leave packets in a mailbox or sitting on a desk, etc.**

* Partially completed packets will not be accepted. No packets will be accepted after the time and date stated above.

I have read and understand what is required for admission to and membership in the Marriotts Ridge High School National Honor Society and I testify that these materials are accurate. Please review the entire packet and sign below indicating that you:

1. Understand and support the information
2. Agree that you have submitted accurate and honest credentials
3. Have read and understand the requirements of membership in the MRHS NHS Bylaws

Student Signature

Parent Signature