



**COMING SOON:  
10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
National Honor Society Applications**

Dear Great Hearts Irving Families,

We are excited to announce our second round of application in affiliation with the National Honor Society (NHS) of the Great Hearts Irving Chapter. Since 1921, NHS has been recognizing the highest achieving students in grades 10-12. Today, NHS inducts more than 1 million members each year who make significant service contributions to their schools and communities. NHS has become a springboard for life for successful individuals—from public servants, to media luminaries, to Supreme Court justices, to sports legends.

All 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who are not already members of the Great Hearts Irving NHS Chapter who qualify and have been with GHI for 2 full semesters will receive an invitation to apply to the Chapter.

NHS Officers will visit 10<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms to provide them with NHS information. We will also offer an informational zoom meeting on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:20 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. for Distant Learning students interested in applying. Students should join the Zoom meeting with the same name they use for class.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 965 2349 2946  
Passcode: NHSNEW

**What is the purpose of NHS?**

The purpose of NHS is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students at secondary schools.

**How does a scholar get selected?**

Students in grades 10–12 who meet the requirements for membership outlined by their school’s chapter are eligible to be invited for membership.

Each chapter is required to publish its qualifications for membership, which is based on the four pillars of NHS:

- **Scholarship**  
Per national guidelines, at a minimum, students must have a cumulative GPA of 85, B, 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standard of excellence.
- **Service**  
This involves voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation.
- **Leadership**  
Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.
- **Character**  
The student of good character is cooperative; demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; and generally, maintains a clean disciplinary record.

### **Three steps to membership:**

1. Students who meet the scholarship requirements (GPA 3.0 or higher) will receive an invitation.
2. They must complete a form detailing their accomplishments in and commitment to service, leadership, and character.
3. The Faculty Committee will review applications and send a letter notifying students who have been selected.

### **What are the scholar’s obligations as members of NHS?**

Students who accept membership and are inducted into the chapter should be aware of the time and commitment involved with this honor. For example, there will be chapter meetings every first Thursday of the month during Lyceum. Members also must participate in chapter and individual service projects to benefit the school and community. Contact the chapter adviser to obtain a full list of the obligations of membership for the school’s chapter.

### **When will invitations be sent?**

Invitations to qualifying students will be sent on November 4<sup>th</sup>, and due November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

We are excited about welcoming your students and look forward to success of our scholars through NHS for years to come.

If you have questions please email our NHS advisor at [celeste.wheelock@greatheartsirving.org](mailto:celeste.wheelock@greatheartsirving.org) or our High School Counselor at [Priscilla.ONeill@greatheartsirving.org](mailto:Priscilla.ONeill@greatheartsirving.org).