

Name (print your full name that is in Powerschool) \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: *Junior/Senior*

**National Honor Society  
Application for Membership  
AC Flora High School  
2021-2022**



**CHARACTER  
SCHOLARSHIP  
LEADERSHIP  
SERVICE**

**Please return this application to room 403 (Lindsay Purdy) OR AC Flora front office (Attention Lindsay Purdy) OR mail in to Lindsay Purdy, 1 Falcon Dr, Columbia, SC 29204 by MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 by 3:30pm to Mrs. Purdy room 403. Hard copies available upon request.**

If accepted, the mandatory induction ceremony is tentatively planned for November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm in the AC Flora Theater

Congratulations, you are eligible to apply for AC Flora High School’s chapter of the National Honor Society. If you would like to be considered for membership, please print and fill out the attached application **ON YOUR OWN**. Please do not have your parent or guardian fill this out. Hard copies are available upon request. The following checklist may be of assistance to you to ensure a complete application. It is recommended that you place a check mark in the blank as you complete each step.

- \_\_\_ 1.) You and parent/guardian sign the bottom of this sheet (p. 2)
- \_\_\_ 2.) Student Information filled out including phone number and school email (p. 3)
- \_\_\_ 3.) Name on top of page 5
- \_\_\_ 4.) Leadership Sponsor Rating Chart with signatures and contact information (p. 6)
- \_\_\_ 5.) Leadership Short Answer (if lacking leadership positions) p. 7
- \_\_\_ 6.) Name on top of page 9
- \_\_\_ 7.) Listing and description of Service Activities with advisor signature and contact information (p. 9)
- \_\_\_ 8.) Have three individuals outside of school provide a character reference with signature (p. 11-13)

**Requirements upon admission:**

- ❖ You must have a 3.750 GPA to be eligible for membership and you must maintain a 3.600 while in the society or you will be removed from the society.
- ❖ You must pay \$5.00 dues annually to cover induction ceremony costs, service projects, and graduation tassel.
- ❖ You must perform and document FOUR hours of community service per semester. TWO of these hours MUST be with the ACF NHS and TWO of these hours MUST be on your own. You must turn in your paperwork on time or you will be on probation and possibly removed from the society.
- ❖ You cannot miss more than THREE meetings virtual and/or in person per year or you will be removed from the society.
- ❖ You must maintain “good character.” This includes on campus and off campus behavior. If there are negative incidents that occur during your time in this society, the faculty committee will meet and determine if you are eligible to remain in the society. This includes, but is not limited to, cheating, cutting class, disruption of class, and refusal to obey a teacher.
- ❖ If you fail to maintain GPA, pay dues, attend meetings, demonstrate poor character or provide service you will be placed on probation and may be removed from the society.
- ❖ See NHS handbook for questions on expectations  
[https://www.nhs.us/Documents/NHS/NHS\\_Handbook.pdf?SSO=true](https://www.nhs.us/Documents/NHS/NHS_Handbook.pdf?SSO=true)

**Selection Process:**

Selection to NHS is a privilege, not a right. Students do not apply for membership in the National Honor society; instead, they provide information to be used by the NHS Faculty Committee to support their candidacy for membership. Membership is granted only to those students selected by the Faculty Committee. This is not an election, nor is membership automatically conveyed simply because a student has achieved a specified level of academic performance. NHS is more than just honor roll. AC Flora’s local chapter of the NHS emphasizes the components of leadership, service, and character in the selection process. By completing and signing this **ENTIRE** application, you have acknowledged that you accept the process of selection by the faculty council and understand that selection is final.

**Deadline:**

This application must be completed **ON YOUR OWN** and returned to Mrs. Purdy (403) by **Monday, October 11, 2021 by 3:30 p.m.** **Applications not received or fully completed by this date will not be considered.** If you have any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Purdy by e-mail [lindsay.purdy@richlandone.org](mailto:lindsay.purdy@richlandone.org) or stop by room 403 prior to application deadline.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*If either signature is missing the application will not be considered**

# STUDENT INFORMATION

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

**Current Grade (2021-22)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip code

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**School E-Mail Address (Please Write Very Clearly)** \_\_\_\_\_

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Discipline referrals will be reviewed by the faculty committee from a report generated from powerschool (ABE management system). If you have had any referrals that are classified according to the Richland One Student Code of Conduct as Level 1 (horseplay without bodily injury, cheating, refusal to obey, cutting class, disrespect, bullying, use of tobacco (first offense), inappropriate displays of affection, use of profanity, or disruption of class, etc) you are not be eligible to apply for one academic year. If you have had any referrals that are classified as Level 2 (unlawful activities, physical contact with another student [fighting], threats, vandalism, disruption on school bus, sexual misconduct/harassment, gang related activity) you are not eligible to apply for one academic year AND the faculty committee will have a special review of your application if you decide to apply. If you have had any referrals that classified as Level 3 (Drugs, alcohol, arson, assault/battery, theft, vandalism, weapons, bomb threat, sexting, sexual assault, threat to district employee, gambling, etc) you are not eligible to apply to National Honor Society.

To be completed by advisor (Mrs. Purdy): List (or attach to app) any discipline referrals this student has received since freshman year, including dates as well as a brief description of the issue(s).

Date	Code	Description	Teacher/Admin.

## **Leadership:**

The leadership criterion is considered highly important for membership selection. AC Flora NHS Faculty Committee interprets leadership in a variety of ways. One way to demonstrate leadership is by being officer in a school or community organization. Another way to demonstrate leadership is *effectively* participating in other co-curricular activities offered on campus. All leadership roles in both the school and community must be verified by someone directly in charge of the organization.

The leadership roles that you include on your NHS application need to clearly show some of the qualities listed below:

- Being resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- Demonstrating initiative in promoting school activities
- Exercising positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- Contributing ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- Have ability to delegate responsibilities
- Exemplifying positive attitudes
- Inspiring positive behavior in others
- Demonstrating academic initiative
- Successfully holding school offices or positions of responsibility; conducts business effectively and efficiently; demonstrates reliability and dependability
- Being a leader in the classroom, at work, and in other school or community activities
- Being thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted
- Being willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.



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**Leadership Positions:** In the table on page six list all the names of organizations, clubs, teams in school, community, or work in which you have held a leadership position while in high school. List all titled, elected or teacher/supervisor appointed leadership positions held in school, community, or work activities. For example, elected student body, class, or club officer; committee chairperson; team captain; newspaper editor; work area manager; church youth group leader; or community leader are all positions that satisfy this criteria. Examples of positions that **DO NOT** qualify: dog walker, babysitter, sibling leader, role model to friends. Fill in the grade (9, 10, 11, 12) that you held the positions. Take the form to your adult advisor/supervisor of the organization and have them rate your leadership abilities according to the descriptions below. Then they need to sign under advisor signature. If they are unavailable you need an email confirmation, screenshot of text confirmation, or another form of validation. A parent signature is not acceptable. Please feel free to include a letter of recommendation from someone outside the school (and not related to you) who may be familiar with your leadership positions. A recommendation is a good document to have for college, scholarship, work, and other applications. **You must have at least TWO leadership positions to be considered for membership.** If you don't have two you must explain how you exhibit leadership without a title on page 7.

**Adult advisor Rating:** Please rate the candidate on his/her leadership abilities. Use the following rating scale:

- 1     **Superior:** The student is a superior leader who inspires others to get involved. His/her actions exemplify that of a true leader and he/she is truly respected by peers. As a dedicated leader, he/she looks for new ideas and goes above and beyond to succeed.
  
- 2     **Average:** The student is an average leader, usually able to motivate others to participate and get involved. No complaints surface regarding leadership abilities.
  
- 3     **Poor:** The student does not always do his/her job and does not serve as an appropriate role model for a leader.

Organization, Club, Team, Church, Work	Leadership Position	Grade	Rating	Advisor Signature	Advisor Name (printed) Contact Information (phone or email)

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: This form will be accepted only with advisor validation\*\*\***

**EXPAND:** Feel free to expand on any or all of the leadership positions listed above in the space below.

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## Service:

Service is generally considered to be those actions taken by you which are done with or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation to the individual performing the service. In considering service, the contributions you have made to school, classmates (not just your close friends), and community, as well as your attitude toward service will be reviewed by the Faculty Committee. On occasion your leadership positions will also provide service opportunities. For example, if you are president of a club you may have organized a food drive. This will count in the leadership portion and service portion of this application. In the table on page nine list all the names of organizations, clubs, teams in school, community, or work in which you provided unpaid service while in high school. Please spell out acronyms of organizations and events. Describe in as much detail as possible the actual work you did. Use notebook paper to expand if you need more room and attach to application. For example, if you worked at Harvest Hope food bank organizing a food drive you need to describe exactly what you did to organize it, sent emails to community, sorted canned goods, packaged canned goods, and/or delivered food around town. If you simply dropped off food to Harvest Hope the activity will not be considered. Another example is acolyting, if you served church leaders in a significant way you need to describe it. Simply lighting candles during church service will not be considered. Fill in the approximate date(s) that you conducted the service. Write down how long it took you to complete each service activity. Take the form to the **adult** in charge of the service and have them rate how involved you were/are according to the descriptions below. They need to sign and print their name and contact information so the faculty committee can verify work done. If they are unavailable you need an email confirmation, screenshot of text confirmation, or another form of validation. A parent signature is not acceptable unless they are the organizer of the activity. In addition, a student signature is not acceptable either. It is important that you have a variety of service activities inside and outside of school that demonstrates initiative on your part. Do more than the required club or IB service requirements. Examples of service activities that will **not be** considered: activities associated with office aid/guidance aid/library aid, church basketball participation, moving furniture or doing lawn care for family members, dog walking, house sitting or house cleaning, bringing in canned goods for food drives, grocery shopping for family members, babysitting siblings/cousins, helping your close friend or family member conduct their Eagle Scout project, and any service in which you were paid. Please feel free to include a letter of recommendation from someone outside the school (and not related to you) who may be familiar with your service activities. A recommendation is a good document to have for college, scholarship, work, and other applications. **You must have at least TWO service activities to be considered for membership.**

The service activities that you choose to include on your NHS application need to clearly show some of the qualities listed below:

- Volunteers and provides dependable and well organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition
- Does committee and staff work without complaint
- Participates in some activity outside of school- for example: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church groups, volunteer services for the elderly, poor, or disadvantaged, mission trips
- Mentors persons in the community or students at other schools
- Tutors students in elementary or middle school
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students





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**SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Please list all the service activities in which you have participated through the course of your high school career. A **minimum of FOUR** service activities are required. One or more in each category (in school and out of school) are recommended.

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**1.) In School or School Related**

Athletic Teams and Clubs/Organizations in school that involve service

**2.) Out of School**

Clubs/Organizations such as Boy/Girl Scouts, Church Groups, Serving the Elderly, Children or the Disabled, Mission trips, Food Banks, etc.

**Adult advisors, please rate the level of involvement for service activities as listed below**

- 1- Very Involved (+75%)**
- 2- Involved (50%)**
- 3- Somewhat Involved (25%)**
- 4- Rarely or Not Involved**

<b>Organization, Club, Team, Church, Mission trip</b>	<b>Detailed Service Activity Description (if you need more space use notebook paper and attach to application)</b>	<b>Date and Length of time</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Advisor Signature</b>	<b>Advisor Name (printed) Contact Information (phone or email)</b>

## Character:

National Honor Society is a member of the Character Counts! Coalition. Through this activity, the society supports and recommends the use of a multi-faceted definition of character known as the “Six Pillars of Character.” A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship. The faculty committee reviews discipline referrals dating back to your ninth grade year to the present. If there are any discipline referrals in powerschool that state you have cheated in any capacity, lied to faculty, staff or police, cut class/left class early (even if there was a substitute teacher) you will not be eligible to apply this school year. If there are any discipline referrals that state you harmed or threatened another student or teacher, were involved in selling or consuming alcohol or drugs on or off campus, were up for expulsion, brought and/or used ANY weapon (including pepper spray), you will not be eligible to apply to NHS ever. In addition, the entire faculty at AC Flora are given the opportunity to recommend (or not recommend) students for membership. The recommendations are taken into account in the selection process. Lastly, the faculty committee would like three character references from individuals **OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL** (so no teachers or administrators). One may be a family member. Print your name in the blank at the top of pages 11-13. Take each page to an individual who has known you a good amount of time. Have them circle the number next to each characteristic that best describes you in the capacity they have known you. If they want to they can elaborate on their rating in the spaces provided at the bottom of the form.

The following descriptions are said of a student of good character:

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- Regularly shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- Observes instructions and rules, is punctual, and faithful both inside and outside the classroom
- Has powers of concentration, self-discipline, and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, **avoiding cheating** in school work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others
- Actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment.



## National Honor Society – Evaluation of Character

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**Would you describe this person as:**

	Very Strong	Strong	Average	Below Average	Minimal
Dependable	5	4	3	2	1
Even-tempered	5	4	3	2	1
Accepting	5	4	3	2	1
Honest	5	4	3	2	1
Compassionate	5	4	3	2	1
Appreciative	5	4	3	2	1
Courteous	5	4	3	2	1
Respectful	5	4	3	2	1
Patient	5	4	3	2	1
Trustworthy	5	4	3	2	1

Students are responsible for having three different persons complete this character survey. **These people MUST be outside of school** (coaches, church members, social group coordinators, employers, etc.). Character references from AC Flora faculty and staff will not be considered. Faculty and staff email in their recommendations directly to Mrs. Purdy. Limit family members to one evaluation.

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Today’s Date \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you have known this student \_\_\_\_\_

Feel free to expand on your evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Today’s Date \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

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Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Today’s Date \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you have known this student \_\_\_\_\_

Feel free to expand on your evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

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This space is to be used for comments by faculty committee members and teacher recommendations