

# Application for National Honor Society Membership

## Costa Rica International Academy



**Pre-requisites:** Students applying to NHS must be 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who have attended CRIA for at least one semester. To be accepted, students must submit this completed form prior to the deadline, have a documented GPA of 3.0 or better, have 15 hours of community service hours completed within the past 6 months, documented by the deadline, have a quality character / clean record of school behavior, and submit 3 completed forms of recommendation from prior teachers. (Letters of recommendation via email may be substituted for the form.)

**Requirements:** Once a member, students are required to attend and participate in the induction ceremony, reciting a pledge where they promise to uphold the standards and principles of National Honor Society. New NHS members are required to earn 25 more hours of community service by the end of their entering semester, and 50 hours for each full year (25 hrs/semester). Students are also required to attend the weekly NHS meetings and assist and participate in NHS sponsored school and community events. Members must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better for the entire school year.

**Directions:** Complete all sections. Please type or print neatly. Please do not be modest. The NHS Faculty Council will consider all the information as part of the evaluation process.

**Note:** Completion of this form does not guarantee selection into NHS.

**Administrative Information:**

**Deadline: Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Email (please type or print neatly) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average from prior year and or prior semester: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Required minimum: 3.0 GPA) Attach a copy of your report card from last year.**

**Calculation of GPA:** To calculate the GPA, core classes are worth 1 credit, so take the final semester grade and award 4 points for each A, 3 points for each B, 2 points for each C and 1 point for a D. PE and Art are half credits, so you would award 2 points for an A, 1.5 for a B, 1 for a C, and .5 for a D. Now total the number of points and divide by the number of credits. For many students the number of credits will be 6 (5 core credits and 2 half credits for PE/Art). Example: Student Stella got semester core class grades of 2 A's: 8 points; 3 B's: 9 points; and for half credits she got an A in Art: 2 points; a B in PE: 1.5 points for a total of 20.5 points. Divide by 6 total credits and her GPA would be 3.4.

**Extra-curricular activities-** List all activities, inside or outside the school, in which you have participated during high school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, sports etc. Indicate in which grade you participated in each activity.

Activity	Grade				Advisor/ Coach/adult supervisor's Name
	9	10	11	12	

**Leadership Positions-** List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community or work activities. Include positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others.

Activity	Grade				Accomplishments/ Positions held	Advisor/ Coach/adult supervisor's Name
	9	10	11	12		

**Service Activities-** Service generally includes those actions undertaken by the student that are done with, or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation to the individual performing the service. Please list all recent community service or volunteer work that you have done in or out of school. CRIA National Honor Society requires a **MINIMUM OF 15 HOURS** of community service from the past 6 months prior to application deadline on **January 19<sup>th</sup>**. Twenty-five more hours must be completed by the end of May in order to remain in NHS. Once accepted, 25 hours of community service per semester is required to remain in good standing. If the following chart is not large enough, log sheets or signed correspondence will document the hours. Please have either the adult who supervised your activity or a parent or guardian sign or initial next to each experience listed.

	<b>Explanation of Volunteer work or community service</b>	<b>Total Time Involved</b>	<b>Name of Supervisor</b>	<b>Supervisor or Parent signature</b>
<b>1</b>				
<b>2</b>				
<b>3</b>				
<b>4</b>				
<b>5</b>				

**Character-** The National Honor Society is a member of the Character Counts! Coalition. A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: *respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship*. Applicants must distribute the attached, blank evaluations to 3 different academic or coaching CRIA staff members. These evaluations are created to illustrate the character of the applicant. The Faculty Council, which elects new National Honor Society members, reviews the evaluations written on behalf of the students.

**Ask any of your adult supervisors / teachers / coaches to fill out a blank recommendation form from the following pages. The evaluation is confidential. The staff member may either return the evaluation to you, the student, in a sealed and signed envelope, or give the evaluation directly to the NHS advisor.**

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*Note: All criteria of Leadership, Character, and Service are reproduced from the National Honor Society Handbook pertaining to selection. All application policies originate from the National Honor Society Constitution of which CRIA is a chartered member.*

*Submit this completed application to  
Mr. Gaylord Townley, NHS advisor,  
no later than Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.*

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**Agreement:**

I understand that completing this form does not guarantee selection to the National Honor Society and that the information presented here is accurate. I also understand that the criteria presented for selection is the same criteria that I would be expected to maintain as a member of the National Honor Society.

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**Student's Name**

**Date**

I have read the information provided by my son/daughter on this completed form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete in its presentation.

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**Parent/ Guardian Name and Signature**

**Date**

