

NHS Member and Graduate Requirements

Students in grades 10–12 who meet the requirements for membership outlined by their school’s chapter are eligible to be invited for membership. (Cabarrus Tech reserves this honor for Juniors and Seniors only)

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 80, B, 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standard of excellence. (Each school chapter is allowed to require a higher cumulative GPA.)
- **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.

Students who meet the scholarship requirement will have an opportunity to complete a form detailing their accomplishments in and commitment to service, leadership, and character.

Understanding the Obligations of Membership

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. The chapter bylaws should articulate the yearly meeting schedule and member attendance obligations. 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.

