

## James Bowie High School National Honor Society Information

Was your child in NJHS in middle school? How can they become eligible for NHS at James Bowie High School?

For students to be eligible for induction into NHS, they need to establish a strong academic foundation and honorable reputation. Students are eligible for induction the spring of their **JUNIOR YEAR** because:

- GPA needs to be established
- Students need sufficient amount of time to gain rapport with multiple teachers for their evaluations
- NHS initiatives require independence and substantial content knowledge

Students are inducted into NHS in the spring of their JUNIOR YEAR. A list of students who have a GPA of 3.75 (calculated in early February of their JUNIOR YEAR) will be compiled, and these students get an invitation to NHS in the spring of their JUNIOR YEAR. After that, here is the overall process:

**The students' current grade point average of 3.75 or higher qualifies them to apply for membership in the National Honor Society. Membership is NOT automatic. Students then APPLY for membership by:**

1. Completing the NHS application, which will be given to them when they receive their invitation.
2. Teacher Evaluation. Student will choose seven different teachers who currently work at Bowie to evaluate them, based on Leadership and Character. Students just list these teachers on their application, and the NHS sponsors send evaluations to those teachers for evaluation.
3. Service Hour Verification: 8+ hours of community service completed anytime between June (summer) before their Junior year to March of their Junior year. If the 8+ hours of service hours have been completed with a school organization or teacher, students have the sponsor/teacher sign their application to verify their service. If their service hours are not school related, a letterhead document needs to be provided by the organization with which they volunteered OR a copy of any certificate of service they may have received.
4. Leadership Experience: Similarly, if the students have extensive leadership roles in organizations outside of school, they will provide a letter from their supervisor with that activity detailing their role in that organization.

After all applications have been submitted and the evaluations have been reviewed and applied, the students will be notified of membership status sometime during March. The formal induction ceremony is in April at 6:30pm, in the Bowie Cafeteria or Theater.

All of this information is given to the students when they receive their invitation. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact either NHS cosponsor for clarification:

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