



**Eligibility Requirements for Academic Societies\*:  
National Honor Society (NHS)  
California Scholarship Federation (CSF)**

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<b>Academic</b>	<p><u>Using the prior school year's final grades</u>, minimum unweighted GPA of 3.8</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>Enrollment in one Honors, AP, or minimum three-unit college course**</p>	<p><u>Using the prior semester's final grades</u>, you must earn a minimum of 10 points based on the CSF point system</p>
<b>Service***</b>	<p>Complete 30 hours of service/volunteer work within Samohi or community; must be completed prior to the first day of the following school year</p>	<p>Must complete 20 hours (10 per semester) of service/volunteer work within Samohi or community</p>
<b>Character &amp; Integrity</b>	<p>Two academic faculty evaluation forms (English, Math, Science, Social Science and World Languages)</p> <p>Must receive a minimum of 14 points in each evaluation form</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<b>Extracurricular Activity</b>	<p>Must participate in one extracurricular activity, school-sponsored or outside of school</p>	
<b>Other</b>	<p>Be in tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade and have been in attendance for a period of at least one semester at Samohi</p> <p>Apply for membership each school year; and, Candidates may not apply after the fall of their Senior year</p>	<p>Can begin applying spring semester Freshman year</p>
<b>Application Period</b>	<p>Fall semester only</p>	<p>Fall &amp; Spring semesters</p>

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\*\* Beginning with the class of 2026, for membership for ninth grade only, enrollment in Honors, AP, or minimum three-unit college course, is NOT required.

\*\*\*UPDATE FOR THE 2023-2024 school year, complete 30 hours of service/volunteer work within Samohi or community. Hours must be completed prior to the first day of the school year beginning. For example, if the school year begins on August 20th, service hours must be completed by August 19th.

Seniors: In order to receive the NHS Cord and/or CSF Stole for graduation, eligibility and verification will also occur during the spring semester of Senior year. The Service/Volunteer work will be completed by April 30th of Senior year, and final grades will be verified during Senior Week.

FAQs

How will I be notified of Membership Decision? All students who apply for membership to NHS and/or CSF will be notified of their membership decision via SMMK12 email

Is there a fee waiver for the Membership Fee? Yes, if you're part of the Free/Reduced Lunch program; email samohiacademichonorsocieties@gmail.com to request a waiver

Will late applications be accepted? No

For NHS, if I have a GPA of 3.79, will it be rounded up to 3.8? No

Does paid work count towards the Volunteer/Service Requirement? No, volunteering means you are not paid

Is an activity outside of Samohi (e.g., Club Basketball) count as a Samohi-sponsored activity? No

If I apply and don't qualify for membership, will I receive a refund for the Membership Fee paid? Yes, information regarding follow up steps is included in your Membership Application Notification sent to your SMMK12 email

I'm in ninth grade, am I able to apply for membership? For CSF, you will be able to apply spring semester of ninth grade, after final fall semester grades are established. For NHS, membership is based on the prior school year's final grades; you will need to wait for the next school year. Middle school grades are not considered for neither NHS or CSF.

For NHS' requirement of enrollment in an HP, AP, College Course, what type of course is accepted? Any of Samohi's HP or AP courses are accepted; if you take a college course, it must be a minimum of three-units.

For detailed information, go to the Academic Honor Societies website at https://www.smmusd.org/domain/3012