

Robert J. Fulton NHS Chapter - Bylaws

Article I: The Chapter & Application for Membership

I.1. The chapter shall be called the Robert J. Fulton, S.J. chapter of the National Honor Society at Boston College High school.

I.2. To be eligible to apply for membership, a student must have attained a 3.7 GPA or higher by the end of sophomore year or by the end of junior year at Boston College High School. A student must have been in attendance at Boston College High School for at least one full semester prior to submitting an application for membership in the chapter.

I.3. Students with a GPA of 3.7 or higher will be invited to apply for membership in the fall of their junior or senior year. Applications must demonstrate significant progress toward high standards of scholarship, character, leadership and service.

*Note regarding the class of 2027: Candidates and current members from the class of 2027 will still be invited and eligible based on the prior GPA requirement of 3.5. The requirement of 3.7 will go into effect for candidates from the graduating class of 2028 and later.

I.4. Applicants must be current with all community service obligations at the time of their application. Junior applicants must have completed all freshman and sophomore year requirements, as well as have a plan in place for fulfilling their junior year service requirements. Senior applicants must have completed all required service hours. Verification of this will be obtained through the Center for Ignatian Identity and Formation. No additional service hours are required of applicants.

I.5. Although not a requirement, additional community service (beyond the school's required hours) may be included on a student's NHS application. Students must list and describe this work as directed on their application, and obtain signatures of their supervisors at these locations to verify their hours.

I.6. All applications will require a recommendation from a classroom teacher of a prior semester class. This recommendation is used to support the student's demonstration of the NHS pillars.

I.7. All applications must be submitted to the candidates' Canvas Page on or before the due date that has been posted. Late applications are not accepted for consideration unless the NHS moderator has approved, such as in cases of illness or other circumstances that fairly merit an extension.

I.8. Applications will be due by early October, so that NHS admissions decisions can be made before November 1st so that this information can be included on early action and early decision college applications for seniors.

I.9. A committee of five (5) Boston College High School faculty representing different academic and/or co-curricular departments will read all applications. To be admitted to NHS, an applicant must receive a majority vote of the committee. The NHS moderator is NOT a voting member of the admission committee.

I.10. After the applications have been submitted, the advisor will provide faculty and staff a list of the year's applicants so that they may supply the faculty council with any additional information they feel is pertinent to a student's candidacy. Faculty with the designation of "principal" may not provide input.

Article II: Membership

II.1. There is no fixed number of acceptances for membership in the chapter. Rather, any applicant who meets the standards and demonstrates this through a complete, clear and thoughtful application may be accepted for membership. However, submitting an application is not a guarantee of membership.

II.2. A formal induction ceremony will take place for all new members of NHS in December, or a date agreed upon by the NHS moderator and the school administration.

II.3. All members of the chapter are required to participate in the work of the chapter. See the following sub-articles:

III.3.i. All members shall be required to engage in at least one “independent service project.” Activities that may qualify for independent service projects include, for example, tutoring in the ARC, teaching ESL, working on the St. Louis project, or any other service project, ***provided that these projects are NOT being used to fulfill their BC High graduation service requirements, or they have already fulfilled their designated graduation requirements.*** Members must track their hours of service on the timesheet provided to them by the Executive Committee. Members inducted in their junior year must complete ***at minimum*** fifteen (15) hours of service. Members inducted in their senior year must complete ten (10) hours of service.

II.3.ii: The Group Service Coordinator shall be responsible for organizing one “group service project” each year with the assistance of the executive committee and larger chapter. The larger chapter is expected to give input and assistance into the successful completion of the project.

II.3.iii: Members inducted during their junior year must turn in their completed timesheets to the NHS moderator by the end of their senior year midterms. Members inducted as seniors must do so by March 1.

II.3.iv: All members of the chapter are expected to regularly check the NHS Canvas Page. If the Officer-at-Large or Secretary decide to call a chapter meeting, all members are expected to attend and participate. All members are obligated to give input via forms or other electronic media when asked to by the Executive Committee.

II.4. Once accepted and/or inducted as a member of the National Honor Society, students are required to maintain high standards of scholarship, character, leadership and service. Infractions of the school’s disciplinary code and/or inappropriate behavior outside of school that is contrary to the National Honor Society’s core values may result in removal from the society. The school’s administration will communicate with the moderator and the NHS admissions committee about disciplinary infractions that may be of concern. A majority vote of the admissions committee is required for removal.

II.5. If a student's cumulative GPA falls below the 3.5 standard, an NHS member will receive notice that they have one marking period to raise their GPA, or their membership may be revoked. Verification of GPA will occur at the end of every semester.

Article III: Chapter Leadership

III.1. The chapter will have 4-7 officers who will be elected by the Executive Committee. Certain specialized roles may be selected internally by the executive committee or relevant parties. Students who take a position as a House Captain or Vice-Captain are ineligible to be an officer unless a shortage of candidates necessitates it.

III.2. The executive committee may call for a meeting with the entire chapter as needed.

III.3. Officers will plan the activities of the chapter, provide assistance to the moderator with organization of the application process, lead meeting with the membership and assist with the planning and presentation of the NHS induction ceremony.

Article IV: Moderator Responsibilities

IV.1. It is the job of the NHS moderator to organize and facilitate the application process, working in collaboration with the school administration and the faculty admissions committee. The moderator collaborates with the Director of the Academic Resource Center as needed regarding tutoring provided by the membership.

IV.2. The moderator communicates directly with the students and their families about the application process, admission decisions and the other work of the society.

IV.3. The moderator reports directly to the Academic Vice Principal and the Principal of BC High regarding all work of the chapter, including the admissions decisions. As is stated in the national organization by-laws, the final decision on all of the work of the chapter of NHS rests with the school's Principal.

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