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Brian Moran, Principal

Dear Applicant,

Congratulations! You have been nominated for membership into the South Elgin Chapter of the National Honor Society. You have met the MINIMUM Academic Standard for eligibility. Membership, however, is based on leadership, character, and service, as well as scholarship. The process for selection involves two steps: (1) your name is submitted to the South Elgin faculty who evaluates your leadership and character as well as your scholarship (we take care of this) and (2) you must complete a student activity form (see attached) reflecting service and the Statement of Understanding. Neither the student activity form nor your grade point index guarantees membership. However, if you fail to return the student activity form and the Statement of Understanding by the date below, your candidacy for membership will not be considered.

Faculty evaluations and student activity forms are reviewed by a selection committee comprised of several faculty members. After review, the committee decides which nominees meet criteria for membership. If selected, you will receive an invitation to become a member of the National Honor Society.

Complete section I-IV of the student activity form. Please be detailed and specific. Each piece of information you submit about yourself helps the selection committee make its decision. Include all information you feel is pertinent for a clear perspective of your activities within the school, community and family. If, for some reason, you have not been involved in a wide variety of activities but have concentrated your efforts into a few, be specific as to why. Please type your responses. You and your parents must also sign the Statement of Understanding that verifies your understanding of the selection process, the eligibility requirements, and membership requirements as adopted by South Elgin High School.

Membership requirements are as follows: one meeting a month after school. Meetings are about 15-20 minutes in length and are the first Tuesday of the month after school. Additionally, new juniors are required to obtain 20 hours of service and new seniors 10 hours of service before the end of the school year. Failure to meet these requirements will result in removal from the National Honor Society.

Return your completed student activity form and Statement of Understanding to the folder in the Guidance Office by 3:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**. **LATE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR CONSIDERED.**

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DIRECTIONS: Please complete section I-III. **DO NOT** be modest! Each piece of information you submit about yourself helps the Faculty Selection Committee make its decisions. Include information you feel is pertinent to provide a clear perspective of your service, leadership, and character. Information should reflect activities within the school, community, and family as well as a contact name and phone number.

If, for some reason, you have not been involved in a wide variety of activities, but have concentrated your efforts into a few, be specific as to why.

INCLUDE your name as you have been known by your teachers and indicate your year of graduation. Please attach, if possible, your own typed sheets using the format shown.

Return all completed forms to Mrs. Pana in the Guidance Office by 3:00 p.m. **Tuesday, September 12, 2017.**

READ THIS CAREFULLY! LATE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR CONSIDERED!

*******SAMPLE**

**STUDENT ACTIVITY FORM
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

SAMPLE*****

Name_____

Graduation Year_____ (year you plan to graduate)

I. Involvement in Activities: List all activities—school, community, church and/or work in which you have participated during your high school years. Approximate the number of hours per month you were involved in the activity, or state if it was a one-time event.

	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>Sponsor name & email</u>
EXAMPLE:	IATD	Freshman-Present 4 hrs./month	Mrs. Bowen Christinebowen@u-46.org

II. Leadership Positions: List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community, church and/or your work. Include those positions in which you are/have been responsible for directing or motivating others. For example, elected student body president, class officer, committee chairperson, team captain, work area manager, etc.

	<u>LEADERSHIP POSITION</u>	<u>ACTIVITY/ORGNIZATION</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
EXAMPLE:	President	Junior Class	2014-2015

III. Write an approximately 300 word essay explaining how you will bring citizenship forward to the NHS chapter at South Elgin High School. Explain either a service project idea or an event related to a holiday to illustrate your thoughts.

IV. Parent reflection. Parents, please sign the statement below. Also, please include with your student's application a *brief* reflection on the validity of the application and your expectation of the club if your student is selected; include how you will support your student in making monthly meetings and events.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I understand that the intentional falsification of the information on the candidate information form automatically disqualifies me from consideration for membership in the National Honor Society. I further understand that completion of this form does not guarantee membership, but that I will be considered for membership. I understand that the faculty selection data is confidential. My signature and that of my parent indicate that I waive my right to view all such data, and I understand that if I do not waive these rights, I will not be considered for selection. Since the selection rating information is a temporary record, it will be destroyed upon the completion of the selection process. By signing, I also indicate that I will accept the decision of the Faculty Council charged with the responsibility of selecting members.

I understand that if I am selected I will be expected to maintain and uphold the rules and guidelines that govern NHS and to participate in the activities of the Chapter.

Candidate's signature

date

Parent's signature

date

**Attach the parent reflection (written or typed) to this signed statement of understanding. Thank you.