

# **NHS APPLICANTS' FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**1. What if I'm absent the day the application is due?**

**The deadline is set in stone. Absent or not, the application is due on the due date.**

**2. What if I can't get one of my Activity Evaluation forms back before the application deadline?**

**The deadline must be met. Please take care of evaluations as soon as possible and make sure evaluators know your due date.**

**3. Will I be admitted to NHS if I have evidence of involvement for each section?**

**Admission is based on strong credentials in each of the areas. Not all activities require the same level of participation or commitment. Admission is granted at the discretion of the Faculty Selection Committee. In-School Activity, Leadership, and Community Service are all requirements for selection. A particularly strong section in one domain will not compensate for a weak section in another domain..**

**4. As a junior, I don't think I meet all the requirements for membership this year. Can I reapply next year?**

**As long as you keep up your grades, you will be invited to apply again as a senior. Every year the NHS inducts both juniors and seniors in the fall.**

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criminal offenses in the community as well. Additionally, any dishonesty in completing this application would disqualify a student from membership as well. Students who have committed infractions greater than 12 months prior to application may complete an additional form discussing this infraction. In addition, teachers, coaches, and administrators are asked to comment on character of applicants.

**8. Is it possible to demonstrate leadership without an elected or appointed position?**

While elected or appointed leadership is the ideal, in some cases students without leadership titles have demonstrated outstanding leadership in an organization. For instance, a student may have taken the initiative to organize and run a school-wide fundraiser as a member of a service club. This demonstrates significant organization, planning, management of other students, and follow-through which the FSC considers essential to demonstrate exceptional leadership. If applicable to you, you may wish to stress the need for this additional information to your advisor, so they may include it on the leadership form.

**9. I volunteer to serve as a peer tutor. Does that count as leadership?**

Leadership generally requires evidence of the creation, management, or implementation of a project. Working as a tutor is an act of community service but is generally not leadership.

**10. I just joined a new club this year. Can I count it?**

Significant participation in the activity in question must have occurred PRIOR to submission of your application for that activity to count for membership purposes. For example, if you PLAN to be on the baseball team in the spring or to lead a Youth Group class in January, this does not count as an activity you have completed.

**11. How does the Committee define “Service to Community”?**

Service to Community is seen as volunteering in meaningful activities that serve the needs of the general community. The general community is seen as existing beyond family and school, and represents not-for-profit organizations. For example, a student who volunteers to help address envelopes at a realtor’s office is not serving the needs of the larger community, but benefiting a small group of for-profit individuals. There are many not-for-profit organizations in the Central Bucks community that would benefit greatly from having our students volunteer to help them. Of course, any activity for which you receive compensation will not be considered under this section.

**12. I am a member of Key Club. Where should I list this on my application?**

Key Club should be listed under In-School Activity ONLY. It is a CB East Club and therefore is considered In-School Activity. You will need your advisor to fill out an In-

**13. I cleaned out my closets and donated the contents to a charitable organization. Can this count as “Service to Community”?**

**The Faculty Selection Committee believes that community service should be an ongoing, participatory activity. Cleaning out one’s closet and donating clothes and toys is a charitable activity, but it does not fit the description of ongoing, participatory involvement.**

**14. I participated in the Relay for Life. Can I count the full 24 hours I was at the track?**

**You may count the time spent gathering donations and actually walking/running around the track. For most students, this comes to 2 hours. You may not count 24 hours for Service to Community.**

**This also applies to other events in which you may participate like charity music performances or runs. While a runner or musician may spend hours preparing for these events, for our purposes only your time actually completing the final task will count as**