



Easton Valley High School



The Easton Valley National Honor Society Riverhawk Chapter is composed of Easton Valley students who consistently demonstrate the pillars of academics, character, leadership, and service. Juniors and Seniors earning a 3.5/4.0 cumulative GPA are invited to join the chapter the second semester of the school year.

Students interested in being a member of the Easton Valley National Honor Society Riverhawk Chapter are asked to complete the following Petition to Join materials and submit these (electronically, preferred) to the chapter adviser by the published deadline. Details of each item are described below and/or within the four areas of evaluation outlined in this document:

- A cover letter written by the student, addressed to the chapter adviser and Faculty Council members, that describes how the student demonstrates the four pillars of NHS (academics, character, leadership, & service)
- A completed Student Activity Record which details their involvement in school and community activities during their high school career, including work experience. (See [Appendix 3](#))
- Collaboratively completed evaluations of the student's character and leadership from four different individuals, including a teacher, a coach/activity sponsor, a community member, and a fourth person of their choice. This evaluation is to be done in the company of the student being evaluated so that both a written evaluation and a conversational evaluation take place. The evaluator cannot be a relative of the student being evaluated. (See [Appendix 4](#) of your paper materials *for an example evaluation*) Official evaluation sheets are available from the adviser once the student has registered the names and contact information of their four evaluators, which must be done within one week of receiving the invitation to join. Registration sheet can be found in [Appendix 7](#).
- A completed record of the service learning they have completed for the graduation requirement, as outlined in the student handbook, as well as a record of service learning they have completed beyond these requirements. (See [Appendix 1](#))
- A list of leadership positions (elected or appointed) held during their high school years
- A completed Individual Service Project (ISP) proposal form. (See [Appendix 2](#))
- A completed Signature Form (See [Appendix 6](#))

NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The submitted Petition to Join materials will be reviewed by the Faculty Council, which consists of five faculty members appointed by the principal. Students and their parents/guardians will be notified by mail if they have OR have not been selected to be a member of the Easton Valley National Honor Society Riverhawk Chapter. If you are not selected, the reason will be stated in your notification letter. Information on the appeal process will also be provided in this email and can be found on the school website.

There are four areas that will be reviewed to evaluate a student's selection into the Riverhawk NHS Chapter. They include:

- Academics
- Character
- Leadership
- Service

Academics

Students earning a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at the end of the first semester of their junior and/or senior year are invited to petition to join the chapter during each Spring semester. The office will generate a list of these students and the chapter adviser will notify the students of their opportunity to join the Riverhawk NHS Chapter. Eligible students wanting to join the chapter are then asked to complete the Petition to Join materials by the published deadline in order to be considered for candidacy.

Character

A student that shows admirable character is one who adheres to high standards of honesty, fairness, tolerance, integrity, reliability, and punctuality.

There are two parts to the EVNHS character review:

1. The disciplinary record of each student petitioning for membership will be reviewed. Any suspensions and/or Good Conduct Violations will be included in the materials for the Faculty Council to review; however, having either of these on your disciplinary record does not immediately dismiss you from consideration.
2. Each student petitioning for membership will need to seek out evaluations of their character and leadership from four different people: a teacher, a coach/activity sponsor, a community member, and a fourth person of their choice. These evaluations are to be done collaboratively between student and evaluator and must be submitted with the Petition to Join materials for the Faculty Council to review. *Please note, the evaluator cannot be a relative of the student being evaluated.*
 - a. The names of the four persons who have agreed to evaluate the student must be registered with the chapter adviser no later than one week after the invitation to join was presented. Once registered, the chapter adviser will provide four official copies of the evaluation form to be completed and returned with the student's Petition to Join materials.

The scoring rubric that will be used by the administratively appointed 5-person Faculty Council to evaluate candidates can be found on the school website in the NHS Folder under "Documents." Candidates are strongly encouraged to use this rubric to self-evaluate their Petition to Join materials.

Leadership

“Leadership is the challenge to be something more than average.” -Jim Rohn

There are three parts to the EVNHS leadership review:

1. Each student petitioning for membership is asked to list all elected or appointed leadership positions and responsibilities. (See [Appendix 5](#))
2. Each student petitioning for membership is asked to complete a student activity record that details their involvement in their school, including work experience. (See [Appendix 1](#))
3. Each student petitioning for membership will need to seek out evaluations of their leadership and character from four different people: a teacher, a coach/activity sponsor, a community member, and a fourth person of their choice. These evaluations are to be done collaboratively between student and evaluator and must be submitted with the Petition to Join materials for the Faculty Council to review. *Please note, the evaluator cannot be a relative of the student being evaluated.*
 - a. The names of the four persons who have agreed to evaluate the student must be registered with the chapter adviser no later than one week after the invitation to join was presented. Once registered, the chapter adviser will provide four official copies of the evaluation form to be completed and returned with the student's Petition to Join materials.

Service

EVNHS seeks out individuals who have a dedication to serving others and their community. EVNHS particularly seeks out individuals who go above and beyond to meet the needs of their community. There are many ways that you can do this in our Easton Valley community.

There are two parts to the EVNHS service review:

1. In the Petition to Join Materials, students are asked to list the service learning they have completed for the graduation requirement, as outlined in the student handbook, as well as service learning they have completed beyond these requirements. Please see [Appendix 1](#) for the document to detail your service learning.
2. Members of the Riverhawk Chapter are also required to propose and complete an individual service project (ISP) each year of their membership. This service project should fulfill a need within the school or community that is separate from the service learning graduation requirement and reflect his or her particular talents and interests. These projects must have the support of the administration, be appropriate and educationally defensible, and be well planned, organized, and executed. As part of your Petition to Join materials, please fill out the “Petition to Join ISP Proposal” found in [Appendix 2](#).