

# Beckman Catholic National Honor Society

## Statement of Intention 2022-2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. I am actively involved in at least two school or community activities (Leadership)
2. I demonstrate standards of good conduct. (Character)
3. I am committed to six additional hours of service in the area of tutoring Beckman students or assisting Beckman faculty. In the case of a full schedule which would not accommodate tutoring or assisting, special arrangements for the fulfillment of this requirement must be documented. This service is beyond Theology course requirements. (Service)
4. I have earned a 3.5 or better cumulative grade point average. (Scholarship)
5. I intend to apply for the National Honor Society Selection. I understand that the following documents must be completed and submitted to Mr. Eckelman by Monday, November 7, 2022.
  - Two essays signed by the moderator detailing leadership involvement in two activities.
  - Two essays detailing areas of strength and needed growth in regard to character.
  - One essay describing a service experience and relating it to a statement of the Beckman Mission Statement: **“Beckman Catholic cultivates the full potential through the pursuit of academic, spiritual and personal excellence. In union with our families, the Church, and the greater community, we strive to lead and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ in this world and to live as saints for eternity.”**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this Intention to Apply to Mr. Eckelman by **October 21, 2022.**

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Information regarding the National Honor Society (NHS) is available through the Counseling Office. To be a member of the NHS is considered an “honor,” not a right or entitlement. The criteria for prospective members includes having achieved and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher in addition to leadership, character, and on-going service. The faculty council reviews the criteria of leadership, character of service for potential members. Applications are **due on November 7, 2022** to the Counseling Office.

**Leadership Requirement:** Leadership is demonstrated by active participation, engagement, and commitment to success of club or organization activities.

1. A student leader is actively involved in at least **two** school or community organizations. Demonstrated leadership must meet the criteria set forth by each club or activity.
2. Applicants must submit a 250-500 word essay detailing their involvement, and leadership in each club or organization. Each essay must be signed by the applicant and by the club or organization moderator or director.

**Character Requirement:** A person of good character:

- Takes constructive criticism and accepts recommendations graciously.
  - Consistently exemplifies positive attitude, integrity and respect.
  - Upholds the principles of morality and ethics in conversation and behavior.
  - Consistently demonstrates the highest standards of honesty, reliability, and responsibility.
1. Applicants must be in good standing in relation to the criteria set forth above.
  2. The applicant must submit an essay of 250-500 words addressing the following:  
What is your character strength and how is that reflected in your life and what area of your character are you working to improve and how are you working to do this?

These behaviors are considered in determining selection: detention, tardiness, referrals, cheating and violation of the internet policy. Other behaviors that are negative or destructive to self or others may also be considered.

Students who violate the Beckman Activity Code or manifest behaviors which are a danger to themselves or others, such as consumption of alcohol, substance or drug use will automatically be delayed in their admission to the NHS.

Students who are currently NHS members and violate the Beckman Activity Code will be placed on probation for at least one semester.

Once a student is inducted into NHS and questions regarding character arise may be sanctioned by the NHS Advisor. A student may appeal the judgment of the Advisor and have a hearing with the NHS Council. The Council's decision is final for any appeal.

**Service Requirement:** Service is defined as on-going volunteer contributions made of time and talent to school, parish, and community.

1. The applicant must reflect on their service experience and in a 250-500 word essay relate that experience to one component of the Beckman Catholic High School Mission Statement. **“Beckman Catholic cultivates the full potential through the pursuit of academic, spiritual and personal excellence. In union with our families, the Church, and the greater community, we strive to lead and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ in this world and to live as saints for eternity.”**

The NHS 6-hour service is beyond the 12-hour service requirement required by Theology Classes.

The NHS hours involve tutoring or assisting others in the Beckman Community. Students who have a full course load will need to meet with the NHS advisor to form an alternative service project.