

## National Honor Society Ideals

Membership into the National Honor Society is based on one's characteristics in the areas of Scholarship, Service, Citizenship and Character. By achieving a weighted grade point average of at least 3.5, you have met the scholarship requirement. In your Student Information Activity form, you are being asked to highlight the roles of service, citizenship and character in your life. Refer to the following if you need help:

**Service** refers to your work done for others in an effort to improve your school or community. Work done for the benefit of others is an attribute of selflessness. An individual must do this service without expectation of reward or self-aggrandizement.

Understanding **citizenship** and the role of citizenship in a community is also important. It refers to the role played by a person in his or her school, community and nation. A good citizen is involved in a variety ways and seeks to improve the community through civic involvement by taking an active role in such activities.

Having strong **character** involves a willingness to obey the standards of conduct of a community and doing it for the right reason. A person of outstanding character chooses to do the right thing because it is the appropriate mode of behavior. A person of high moral character does not choose the path of least resistance because it is easier or more convenient, but rather, this individual chooses between right and wrong. To avoid "being caught" is not the force behind the decisions of one with a strong character.