

Q & A

National Honor Society Selection

1. Who is selected for membership in the National Honor Society?

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are selected for membership in the National Honor Society if they meet the criteria in EACH of four categories: Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character.

2. When are eligible students notified to be considered for membership?

Those Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher will be notified of their eligibility after the first semester. Next, the student must submit a Student Activity Information Form and Essay by the due date in order to be considered for membership.

3. What happens if a student does not submit the Student Activity Information Form and/or Essay by the due date?

If a student does not submit the Student Activity Information Form and/or Essay by the due date, he/she will not be considered for membership. (No exceptions).

4. What is the criteria for selection of members into the National Honor Society?

The five-member Faculty Council follows specific criteria for selection of members as set forth by the guidelines from the National Honor Society. www.nhs.us

5. What information is required on the Student Activity Information Form?

The Student Activity Information form requires detailed responses on the student's:

Leadership Positions

Extra-Curricular Activities

Community Service Activities

Work Experience, Recognition & Awards (These are not a criteria for membership but provides supportive information about the candidate.)

6. Can a candidate list information which occurred prior to entering high school?

No. Students may list leadership positions, extra-curricular activities, community service activities, work experience, recognition and awards from 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade.

7. What happens if a candidate submits the Information Form and they do not include ANY information in one or more of the three required categories: Leadership, Extra-Curricular Activities or Community Service?

In order to be considered for membership a student must complete each category on the Student Activity Information Form. If they have not included **ANY** information in one or more of the three required categories they will not be eligible for membership in the National Honor Society.

8. Who must sign the verification of the Student Activity Information Form?

Both the student and a parent/guardian must sign the Student Activity Information Form. The lack of awareness on the part of the parent regarding the contents of the form does not constitute grounds for reconsideration of the application.

9. Who reviews all required information and determines membership in the National Honor Society?

The five-member Faculty Council, appointed by the Principal of the school, determines membership in the National Honor Society.

10. What information is the Faculty Council looking for on the Student Activity Information Form?

The Faculty Council is looking for variety in each of the leadership positions, extra-curricular activities and community service activities. For example, in the Community Service category, a variety of activities could be: Christmas in April, church youth group yard clean up, Soup Kitchen Sunday, volunteer for Bingo. In the Leadership category, an example of what would **not** be considered variety would be: co-captain cheerleading team, LPHS cheerleading, Cheerleading Youth Tournament, regional cheerleading.

11. Do the Advisers of the National Honor Society have any input in the selection of candidates? No. The Advisers of the National Honor Society do not have any input in the selection of candidates. Only the five-member Faculty Council is responsible for the selection of candidates .

12. Do Faculty members at the School have any input into the selection of candidates?

Faculty members are given the opportunity to provide input about the Leadership and Character of eligible students. According to the guidelines at the National Level of the National Honor Society, "Faculty input is not to be considered the sole determinant of membership, but should, instead, be reported to the Faculty Council to add to their information when considering selections." The names of those faculty members who choose to provide input and the input they provide is strictly confidential.

13. When will a student be notified of selection or non-selection into the National Honor Society? Students will be notified via U.S.P.S. of their status within two weeks of the due date of the Student Activity Information Form and Essay.

14. If a student is not selected for membership, will the letter indicate the deficient categories?

Yes. For students not selected for membership, the letter will indicate which categories the student needs to improve upon in order to encourage them to re-apply for membership the following year.

15. For those members selected, when is the Induction Ceremony? The Induction Ceremony is typically held approximately two weeks after selection of candidates.