



National Honor Society Selection of Members

In June, incoming juniors and seniors that have attended Ursuline for at least one semester with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75 (or 3.5 for the Class of 2023), will receive written notice via U.S. mail inviting them to apply for admittance to Ursuline's chapter of National Honor Society (NHS).

The application will be posted on PlusPortals in July. For a student's application to proceed, the completed application cover sheet must be signed by the student and a parent and turned in to the main office by the designated due date in August. A digital application needs to be submitted to PlusPortals by the due date.

Names of all applicants are shared with the entire Ursuline Academy faculty for feedback on students' scholarship and character. The Chapter Advisor(s) will present the applications to the Faculty Council for deliberation. Three members of the Faculty Council thoroughly review each application to gain consensus on admittance. Each application is further reviewed and discussed by the entire Faculty Council when the original reviewers do not achieve consensus. The Faculty Council bases its deliberation on the application form and any other verifiable information about the candidate's character, leadership, and service that it chooses to obtain. A majority vote of the Faculty Council determines membership.

Those applicants granted membership in NHS will be notified via U.S. mail in early October. The NHS Induction ceremony normally takes place in late October. A candidate must be inducted at this ceremony to be an official member of NHS.

Those applicants not selected for membership in NHS will be notified via U.S. mail in early October. In that notification, the Chapter Advisor(s) will share general information as to why the student was not selected for admission and will provide general counsel regarding how the student can reach her goals. This is out of respect for the student's effort and to aid in our mission of fostering each student's growth and development. If the student wishes to appeal the Faculty Council's decision, the student must do the following within seven days of receiving the decision:

- 1) Request to meet with the Chapter Advisor(s) to get a more detailed explanation of the decision.
- 2) After meeting with the Chapter Advisor(s), the student can appeal the decision in writing (via email) to the Principal of Ursuline Academy within seven days of the letters being sent.

If the Administration determines a procedural error has occurred, they may ask the Faculty Council to reconvene to review the application of the student. Decisions regarding membership remain with the Faculty Council.

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