



MENTOR HIGH SCHOOL National Honor Society

Timeline for Selection of New Members:

Invitations are sent out to eligible students

-Invitations will be delivered to students during the school day.

During the second week of March 2016

Informational Meeting

-The meeting is in A-Lecture. If you can't attend, e-mail Ms. Petrusko, petrusko@mentorschools.org.

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Forms Due

-Forms are due either directly to Ms. Petrusko in C202 or her mailbox in the main office.

Friday, April 29, 2016

Tapping (Notification of New Members)

-Students will be notified during the school day.

Friday, May 13, 2016

Induction of New Members

-The Induction Ceremony is in the Fine Arts Center at 7 pm. There is a reception for family and friends immediately following.

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

General Information Regarding the Selection Process

Membership in the Mentor High School Chapter of National Honor Society is a privilege awarded to selected students based on criteria established by the local chapter in compliance with national guidelines and the NHS Constitution. Students do not apply for membership in the National Honor Society; instead, they provide information to be used by the local selection committee (Faculty Advisory Council – "FAC") to support their candidacy for membership. This is not an election, nor is membership automatically conveyed simply because a student has achieved a specified level of academic performance.

Eligible students (those with a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA) are given a letter with information on where to download the appropriate Candidate Credential Forms. Once a candidate has been identified as academically qualified, no further consideration of academics is permitted under NHS guidelines. Therefore, class rank and GPA are not provided to the FAC.

Candidates are responsible to complete all sections of the Candidate Credential Forms.

All completed Candidate Credential Forms must be turned in to the chapter adviser by the deadline. No extensions will be granted. Incomplete forms will be given NO further consideration.

All completed forms are forwarded to the members of the FAC who then meet to consider each candidate for membership. A majority vote is needed to be selected for membership.

Once the FAC has voted and determined newly selected members, these students will be notified of their NHS selection in writing. Successful candidates and their families are invited to participate in the induction ceremony.

General Guidelines Used by the Faculty Council for Selection of New Members

A student's cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 satisfies his or her requirement for the pillar of Scholarship. The Faculty Advisory Council deliberates on the merits of each student's Leadership, Character, and Service using the information provided by the student in the Candidate Credential Forms. The following points are used as a guideline for these three pillars. This information is neither exhaustive nor exclusive when used in determining potential membership status. It is important to remember that this information is for consideration and is not used as a checklist for each of the pillars.

Membership will be offered to those candidates receiving a majority vote by the five-member FAC. All decisions are final.

A student exercises **LEADERSHIP** when he or she:

- is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
- exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals and spirit
- contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- is able to delegate responsibilities
- inspires positive behavior in others
- demonstrates academic initiative
- successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility; conducts business effectively and efficiently; demonstrates reliability and dependability
- is a leader in the classroom, at work, or in other school or community activities
- is dependable in any responsibility accepted

The student who **SERVES**:

- volunteers and provides dependable and well-organized assistance, and is willing to make sacrifices to offer assistance
- works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- is willing to represent the class or school in interclass and interscholastic competition
- does committee and staff work without complaint
- participates in some activity outside of school; for example; Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, volunteers services for the elderly, poor, or disadvantaged
- mentors in the community or for students at other schools
- shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students

The student of **CHARACTER**:

- consistently exemplifies positive and desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)
- cooperates by complying with all school policies and regulations and codes of student conduct
- takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- demonstrates the highest standards of honesty, academic integrity, and reliability
- regularly exhibits courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- complies with instructions and rules, and displays personal responsibility

Guidelines for Completing the Candidate Credential Forms

*****ALL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED IN BLUE OR BLACK INK.*****

Form 1 – General Information:

Please note the NHS Agreement on this form. By signing, you are agreeing to uphold the standards of NHS. Please do not take this agreement lightly as you will be strictly held to it if you are invited to become a member.

Form 2 – School Support

Please complete the top portion of the form, and then have your counselor or unit principal complete the rest.

Form 3 – Extracurricular Activities

Please list your extracurricular activities on this form. These are school-sponsored activities, clubs, or events. You **must** obtain the signature of each coach, adviser, or supervising adult for every activity you list. Only activities since the start of your 9th grade year should be listed. You may submit two of these forms if you wish.

Form 4 – Volunteer Service

Please list your volunteer experience. This should be non-school sponsored. For example, you can list any volunteer service you have completed with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, religious groups, community groups, individually, etc. You **must** obtain the signature of the supervising adult for every service that you list. Only activities since the start of your 9th grade year should be listed. You may submit two of these forms if you wish.

Character and Leadership Recommendation Form

You will have four different evaluators complete these forms. These forms are to be returned directly to the NHS Adviser, NOT to the student.

If any of your forms are incomplete or missing, your information will not be given to the Faculty Advisory Council for consideration for membership in NHS. Please take the time to double-check your forms for completeness and accuracy.