



LEE'S SUMMIT NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

National Honor Society



SELECTION PROCESS

The Lee's Summit North High School Chapter of National Honor Society is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards for selection established by the national office of NHS in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students are selected by a five-member Faculty Council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the faculty of Lee's Summit North High School. Selection criteria are as follows:

- Students are eligible for membership after completing the first semester of their junior year at LSN.
- For the **SCHOLARSHIP** criterion a student must possess a **cumulative grade point average of 3.5 in an academically challenging program** during the student's high school career.
 - The student's weighted GPA will be considered for membership
 - An "academically challenging program" shall be defined as enrollment in at least one weighted course.
- Those students who meet the scholarship criterion are invited to complete a **petition for membership** that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service.
 - Invitations to petition are delivered during Mentoring in early February of the student's junior year and again in August of the student's senior year for students who do not meet the criteria or petition for membership in February.
 - Students will have approximately two weeks to complete their petitions, depending on the school calendar. Dates will be posted on the calendar on the NHS website.
- To meet the **SERVICE** criterion, a **minimum of ten hours of community service documented with the LSN Guidance Office** are required before a candidate will be considered for membership.
- To evaluate a candidate's **CHARACTER**, students will be asked to obtain three teacher recommendations (forms will be provided with the petition). Additionally, all members of the LSN faculty are given the opportunity to provide reflections on each student's character should they so choose. The Faculty Council will also review each candidate's **school disciplinary file** for evidence of violation of school rules.
- To further evaluate a candidate's qualifications for membership, including the **LEADERSHIP** criterion, each petition must also be accompanied by a **cover letter** and a **resume** that detail the student's scholarship, service, character, and leadership experience or leadership potential.

- This information is carefully reviewed by the five-member Faculty Council to determine membership. A **majority vote of the Faculty Council** is necessary for selection.
- Candidates are notified regarding selection or non selection according to a predetermined schedule which will be posted on the calendar published on the LSN NHS website.
- Following notification, an induction ceremony is held at North to recognize newly selected members.
- Prior to induction, potential members must pay the NHS dues of \$40. This amount covers both the junior and senior year as well as helps offset the cost of the member's t-shirt. (If the dues pose a financial difficulty, please contact Mrs. Washington for payment options.)
- Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance in the four criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes **regular attendance at chapter meetings** held during the school year as well as **participation in chapter service projects and fund-raising projects**. *Please see the Member Handbook for the student's graduation year on the website for further membership requirements.*
- To reflect their participation, students will accumulate points from induction until the spring of their senior year. Based on their participation, members may additionally earn an honor cord, honor stole, or an NHS letter. *Please see the Member Handbook for the student's graduation year on the website for a full description of the points system.*
- Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the Faculty Advisor, Mrs. Ashley Washington, at 986-1499, Ext. 8168, or by email at ashley.washington@lsr7.net.