National Honor Society Criteria & Selection Process

Mount Greylock maintains a chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS), a national-level organization that recognizes student academic achievement, character, leadership and community service. All NHS members are expected to act as positive role models for younger students at Mount Greylock, and to represent Mount Greylock in a positive light to the wider communities.

The Faculty Council of the Mount Greylock Chapter of the National Honor Society sets the academic eligibility level for candidacy to the Society. The minimum required GPA at Mount Greylock is 3.8, which reflects an approximate "Honors A-" level in Mount Greylock's weighted GPA calculation. This GPA level means that NHS membership is a highly selective honor.

All Junior and Seniors who have a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or higher after their Sophomore or Junior year respectively will be offered the opportunity to apply for NHS membership. Seniors who are selected for membership through the application process will achieve membership immediately upon notification. The acceptance of any junior will be contingent upon a cumulative GPA still meeting the academic requirement after the students' 1st semester of classes their junior year.

The application process will include a brief essay and a short questionnaire of school involvement and leadership. For the essay, applicants will be asked to address various topics which will help illustrate how the student demonstrates the four NHS ideals of scholarship, leadership, character, and community service.

In addition to the required GPA, students must be in good standing at Mount Greylock. They must complete a minimum of ten hours of community service each year and they must uphold the Four Pillars of National Honor Society.

A list of all candidates is given to the full faculty for comment, and to the School Principal for a full review of academic and behavioral records. Through the use of a rubric, the NHS Faculty Council will meet to evaluate each candidate based on their application, any information provided from other faculty & administration, and from the combined experience of the council. The NHS advisor is a non-voting member of the council.

Any questions may be addressed to the Society's Faculty Advisor Patrick O'Connell, at poconnel@mgrhs.org or 413-458-9582 x1100.