

Newman Catholic High School National Honor Society Selection Process

In accordance with the *Constitution of the National Honor Society*, membership in the Cardinal Newman Chapter of the National Honor Society is based on scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

1. Each fall, students of sophomore, junior, or senior standing who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher will be invited to submit a summary of their leadership and service activities in support of their candidacy for the National Honor Society. Eligible students must submit their activities on the Student Activity Information Forms by the specified deadline to be considered candidates for membership in the society. Only students who have been enrolled at Newman for a minimum of one semester will be eligible for consideration. Each spring, eligible seniors will be invited to update their Information Forms for consideration for a spring induction.
2. After students have submitted the Student Application Form and the 300 word essay, they will be considered for membership by an anonymous, principal-appointed Faculty Council. The decision will be based on the student's service, leadership, and character. The application is a ***blind application*** meaning that names referencing the candidate or the candidate's family are blacked out.
3. Faculty Council members will review candidate's overall profile of service, leadership, and character based on information on the application and the 300 word essay. If members of the council so desire, they may interview individual candidates as part of their selection process. The council will also formally invite other faculty and staff members to give input on the candidates in regard to character. The actual selections will be made by a majority vote of the Faculty Council.
4. The results of the committee's vote will be submitted to the National Honor Society advisor. The advisor will be responsible for informing all candidates by letter regarding the committee's decisions. The advisor will also be responsible for planning the induction ceremony for new members.
5. Questions about the Newman Catholic High School chapter of the National Honor Society can be directed to the advisor, guidance counselor, or principal. However, in accordance with the Selection Policy in the *National Honor Society Handbook*, Newman Catholic High School is not obligated to share with parents and students information concerning specific reasons why a student was not selected for membership, nor can they arbitrarily overturn the decision of the Faculty Council.

The procedures above are intended to outline the general selection process. Should specific questions arise which are not addressed in these procedures, the guidelines in the *National Honor Society Constitution and Handbook* will be followed.

Attention: All applications, Leadership/Service activity forms, and essays are due in the Registrar's office by 3:15 p.m. on October 10, 2008. If you are accepted, you will find out after November 3, 2008. Those who are excepted will be inducted at a ceremony on November 12, 2008 at 7:00pm.