

NHS Selection Procedure Description



The National Honor Society chapter of Saint Louis Catholic High School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: **scholarship, service, leadership, and character**. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each spring.

Students in grades 10 and 11 are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75 on a 4.0 (weighted) scale. Additionally, the faculty council reviews school disciplinary records to consider eligibility. Each spring, those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses several forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership. Finally, the Character Verification Form and Leadership Verification Form supplied by the student are also taken into consideration. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Following a review of the results of the Faculty Council voting by the principal, candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection according to a predetermined schedule.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all four criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes attendance at chapter meetings held three to four times during the school year and participation in chapter service projects. Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser at mlejeune@slchs.org.

2024 Selection Timeline

- Letters are usually sent home through email the last week in January or the first week of February inviting students to apply for membership to NHS.
- **MANDATORY candidate information packet meetings** (this will be the **ONLY** time candidates may pick up packets; all meetings are in the Library):
 1. **Wednesday, Feb. 7**
 - a. 7:25 AM
 - b. 3:10 PM
 2. **Thursday, Feb 8**
 - a. 7:25 AM
 - b. 3:10 PM
 3. **Friday, Feb 9**
 - a. 7:25 AM
 - b. Lunch
 - c. 3:10 PM
- Candidate Information Packets are due **Thursday, February 29 by 3:00 PM**.
 - Late submissions will not be considered.
- Students will be notified by March 31st through email.
- Induction Ceremony for new members: (Date TBA)