

Selection Criteria and Procedures for National Honor Society Lehigh Valley Christian High School Chapter

There are four categories of eligibility for membership in our chapter, in accordance with the guidelines of the NHS National Council. All sophomores, juniors and seniors who have been in attendance at LVCHS for a minimum of one semester (two concurrent marking periods) shall be considered for membership if they meet the criteria. They are as follows:

1. **Scholarship:** Cumulative grade point average 3.5 out of 4.0. Shall be determined by the guidance department, and a list of eligible students given to the Faculty Council.

2. **Leadership:** The Faculty Council will consider scholastically-qualified students in terms of demonstrated leadership capability, as outlined below. The student who exercises leadership:
 - Is resourceful in proposing new solutions to problems
 - Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
 - Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals
 - Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
 - Is able to delegate responsibilities
 - Exemplifies positive attitudes
 - 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, and in other school or community activities (may include church/youth group work)
 - Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted
 - Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude

3. **Service:** The Faculty Council will then consider candidates in terms of Service, as described below. The student who serves:
 - Volunteers and provides dependable and well organized assistance, is gladly available,, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
 - Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
 - Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
 - Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition

- Does committee and staff work without complaint
 - Participates in some activity outside of school; for example, youth group, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, volunteer agencies, hospitals
 - Mentors persons in the community or students at other schools
 - Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students
4. **Character:** The final category for consideration by the Faculty Council is the most difficult to define. A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship. In addition, it can also be said that the student of character:
- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
 - Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)
 - Upholds biblical principles of morality and ethics
 - Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
 - Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
 - Regularly shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
 - Observes instructions and rules, is punctual, and adheres to rules both inside and outside the classroom
 - Has powers of concentration, self-discipline, and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies
 - Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by mistakes of others
 - Actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment

The selection process shall be as follows:

1. Upon receipt of the list of students who are academically eligible, the Chair of the Faculty Council will issue letters to those students informing them of their eligibility, and encouraging them to complete a Student Activity Information Form (included in the envelope with the letter) within a certain amount of time.
2. The Chair of the Faculty Council will compile the results from the Student Forms and present them to the Faculty Council.
3. The Faculty Council will review the candidates and vote. Membership in the LVCHS chapter shall be determined by majority vote of the five voting members of the Faculty Council, in accord with the by-laws of the NHS.
4. Student selected for membership will be informed by letter from the Chair of the Faculty Council and/or the Head of School.
5. Students not selected will be informed personally and given a letter explaining the reasons for non-selection.
6. Students may apply next year for selection.