



National Honor Society

Marian Central Catholic High School

Selection Criteria and Procedures

Membership in the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a high school student. Selection to NHS is an honor that serves as both a public recognition of accomplishment and the private commitment to continued excellence. Marian Central's Bishop Lane Chapter of NHS selects new members in strict accordance with the policies set forth by the NHS National Council. There is no right to NHS membership; it is a privilege bestowed upon a student by the faculty of the school. Membership is not automatically conveyed simply because a student has achieved a specific level of academic performance.

The procedures for the selection of members to the Bishop Lane Chapter of the National Honor Society at Marian Central Catholic High School are outlined below. This selection procedure is applied fairly and consistently to all candidates and ensures that all candidates are considered impartially. Candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. Junior or Senior class standing.
2. A cumulative grade point average of 3.800 or higher.
3. Enrollment at Marian Central for one full academic year prior to the selection process.
4. Submission of a completed Student Activity Information Packet (SAIP). Packets must be submitted online no later than indicated deadline. Late submissions will NOT be considered. Students are encouraged to submit packets early.
5. Willingness to participate in NHS chapter activities including school and community service projects on a continuing basis throughout the school year.
6. Recommendation by the National Honor Society faculty council. This faculty council is composed of five members appointed by the school principal and makes their recommendations based upon the information provided in the Student Activity Information Packet. The selection committee thoroughly reads and evaluates each candidate's SAIP and scores them in the categories of leadership, service and character. The faculty council then meets and considers each individual candidate. Following careful deliberation, candidates who receive a majority vote are invited to become members. The faculty council does not have a quota or percentage of candidates they seek to select. They invite those candidates who they feel best exemplify the values of NHS. The identity of the faculty council members is kept confidential. The NHS chapter advisor is not a member of the faculty council.
7. Participation in the NHS Induction Ceremony. The date and circumstances of the induction ceremony are to be determined.

National Honor Society Guidelines:

The following information should assist in defining the characteristics of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Scholarship:

Juniors and Seniors who have a cumulative Marian Central grade point average of 3.800 or higher, are academically eligible for membership. Once a student is inducted, this GPA standard does NOT necessarily need to be maintained for continued membership. Student grade point average is used to determine membership eligibility only; all students who are academically eligible will be viewed by the faculty council as 'equal', with no preference given to those with a higher GPA.

Leadership:

The student who exercises good leadership:

- is resourceful in proposing solutions to problems, applies good moral judgment, and makes positive suggestions to peers and teachers;
- promotes and participates in school activities while upholding the ideals and values of Marian Central;
- exemplifies a positive attitude and serves as a role model to other students and members of the community;
- demonstrates cooperation and leadership in the classroom and conducts work efficiently and effectively; and
- willingly accepts leadership responsibilities both at school and within the community.

Service:

The student who serves:

- voluntarily contributes time, energy, and resources to the school and community without the expectation of recognition or compensation;
- cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school and the community;
- participates in service related projects or organizations that assist others;
- willingly undertakes difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities; and
- always looks for what needs to be done and then does it without being asked.

Character:

The student of good character:

- upholds the highest principles of morality and ethics;
- consistently exemplifies personal qualities of cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, and stability;
- cooperates with all school regulations and rules;
- shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others;
- maintains a good, clean, drug and alcohol-free lifestyle;

- demonstrates honesty and truthfulness in all things;
- never uses vulgar or offensive language; and
- actively helps to rid the school of bad influences and behaviors.

Additional Selection Information:

Students and parents should understand that no one will automatically be selected for National Honor Society membership. Selection is based upon the student's overall record of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. There is no predetermined number of students to be inducted; rather, the faculty council will select those students who they find best exemplify the integrity and standards of the society.

Membership in the National Honor Society represents the highest levels of achievement in all four areas. Members of this chapter are expected to reflect the society's high standards at all times, both in school as well as in the community. NHS members serve as role models for the school's student body exemplifying both academic excellence as well as appropriate behavior. Students who are inducted, but fail to uphold these standards, may face disciplinary action or removal from the National Honor Society.

The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. This society is far more than just an honor roll; NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but also challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

The Marian Central Bishop Lane Chapter of the National Honor Society is a particularly active chapter conducting numerous activities throughout the year. Our chapter has been recognized with eleven national service project awards, has hosted four NHS leadership conferences, and has presented at over thirty leadership workshops. Those students who are selected for membership will be expected to fully participate in all chapter activities and attend all scheduled meetings.

Juniors and seniors are evaluated together using the same selection criteria. Juniors who are not selected but maintain their academic eligibility (GPA of 3.800 or higher) will be invited to submit an updated SAIP during their senior year.

If you wish to be considered for membership, please fill out the Student Activity Information Packet as fully as possible and submit it no later than **8:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2020**. Students who fail to submit the Information Packet by the deadline will not be considered for induction. All students submitting a packet will be informed of the faculty council's decision by email on Friday, September 25, 2020. Those students who are selected for induction **MUST** participate in an Induction Ceremony. This ceremony is expected to occur in October, the date and circumstances of this event are yet to be determined. The decision of the faculty council is final and is not subject to appeal to the school administration or to the national NHS organization. Any questions about this selection process should be directed to the NHS chapter advisor (gpinnau@marian.com).