

SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE WEST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

1. The National Honor Society chapter of West Lutheran 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. Membership in the National Honor Society (NHS) is a special honor, granted to a limited number of students, to recognize them for excellence in these categories:
 - a) Scholarship – consideration will be limited to those who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
 - b) Leadership – each prospective member shall demonstrate his or her abilities in organizing and directing the efforts of others.
 - c) Service – each prospective member shall indicate his or her involvement in service projects or organizations e.g. church groups, 4-H, nursing home volunteer work, etc. Consideration will be given both to the number of service projects an individual is involved in and to the extent of the involvement.
 - d) Character – each prospective member shall be one whose attitudes, enthusiasm, cooperation and school spirit serve as an example to others.
2. Those who meet the requirement of Scholarship listed above will be invited to apply for membership.
3. Membership is limited to those who will be in their Junior or Senior years. Students must have attended West Lutheran High School for a least one semester before selection.
4. Each spring, those students who meet the scholarship criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. Students who apply will use the forms provided. They should answer each section of the questionnaire in full, since selection will be based in part on the information given. Only those who apply in writing will be considered.
5. Selections will be made in the spring of each year only. All announced deadlines for application must be met or no consideration will be given to the student.
6. Any solicited faculty input and all Candidate Forms are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. 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 May during the awards lyceum. Their decision is final and cannot be appealed at either the local level or the National level of the National Honor Society. It is the nature of the NHS to be selective – that is, not all that apply will be chosen for membership. Students who do not find themselves in accord with the theory behind this special honor should not apply.
7. Obligation of membership include the following: attending all meetings called by the local chapter, working in harmony with the chapter advisor, participating in at least one local service project for the NHS each year, maintaining the qualities which were used for selection to the society in the first place – Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Those who do not continue to demonstrate these qualities may be removed from membership according to the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization.
8. Membership shall be limited to no more than 25% of the total student body.
9. Membership selection procedures may be changed in the future, but only at the end of a school year, before the beginning of the next, and only by a majority vote of the faculty. All changes shall, of course, agree with the Constitution and By-Laws of the local chapter.
10. Students will be asked to pay annual membership dues of \$20.00 each year.