

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY --- SELECTION PROCEDURE

**Being selected for membership in the National Honor Society is an honor and a privilege. The purpose of the NHS is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character.**

### ELIGIBILITY

- Candidate must be a member of the junior or senior class.
- Candidate must have a cumulative weighted GPA of at least 3.300 (B+) GPAs are weighted; therefore, there is no rounding up.

### EVALUATION

- Candidate will be asked to meet with the National Honor Society Advisor to verify her/his GPA.
- Candidate will be evaluated by the Yorktown High School faculty on the basis of character. The character guidelines are given by the NASSP and a copy may be obtained from the NHS Advisor. The NHS Faculty Council is responsible for electing members into the NHS. The Faculty Council (consisting of five teachers) reviews the evaluations and then makes their decisions.
- Candidate will be asked to submit **two** written recommendations verifying that the student has **participated** in two different **VOLUNTEER** community service programs. **Students graduating in 2009 will be required to show 20 hours of documented community service. Students graduating in 2010 and from then on will be required to show 40 hours of documented community service.** The candidate will also submit a signed activity sheet verifying her/his involvement in extracurricular activities, sports, and other organizations.
- Discipline and any records of illegal absences and tardiness to class will be reviewed. **A STUDENT WILL NOT BE ADMITTED INTO THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IF IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A STUDENT HAS COMMITTED A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF SCHOOL POLICY.** Flagrant violations include, but are not limited to: illegal absences, cheating, plagiarizing, stealing, assault, etc. The Faculty Council will be solely responsible in determining whether a candidate should be excluded because of a serious school infraction.

### SELECTION

- Pertinent information is reviewed by a five member selection committee composed of faculty members selected by the NHS advisor and appointed by the principal.
- The selection committee (Faculty Council) determines whether a candidate is admitted.
- Selection takes place twice a year --- spring of junior year and fall of senior year. If a student is not admitted during spring selection, that student **will not** be eligible for fall consideration.

All students entering Yorktown High School who hope to be admitted to NHS should strive to attain **exemplary** character, to promote leadership, and to render service while maintaining a scholastic average of 3.300 (B+) on a weighted scale. Students are advised that a record of ANY disciplinary referrals at any time in the student's high school career will impact the selection decision. Please note that membership in the NHS is a **privilege** and not an entitlement.