

Eligibility for Membership with the MLCPA Chapter of the National Honor Society

The requirements mentioned below **DO NOT** mean a student is automatically admitted into the Society, but rather that they are eligible to submit an application for membership.

- 3.8 weighted cumulative GPA
- Be at least a Sophomore in high school. 9th grade students are not eligible per the National Honor Society guidelines (Article IX, Section 1).
- Have been at Mickey Leland for at least 1 semester.

Selection Process

- At the beginning of the Fall semester, the Registrar will run a report and notify the Chapter Advisor of all high school students from 10th – 12th grade with a minimum weighted cumulative GPA of 3.8 on a 4.0 scale.
- All eligible students will receive notice of eligibility either in person or to their school issued email address.
- Students will be given no less than two weeks to complete and return their application to the Chapter Advisor.
- A NHS faculty council composed of 5 members of the MLCPA staff will review applications and make recommendations for membership based on examples of Leadership, Service, and Character as demonstrated by information included on the application.
- Students and parents will be notified of acceptance or denial and scheduled induction ceremony.

Obligations of Membership

Membership in the National Honor Society (NHS) is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. Our chapter strives to give practical meaning to the Society's standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These four ideals are considered as the basis for selection. No student is inducted simply because of a high academic average. The National Honor Society strives to recognize the total student—one who excels in all of these areas. The standards used for selection are:

- Scholarship: 3.8 weighted cumulative average
- Leadership, Service, and Character: as demonstrated by activities and teacher evaluations

Membership, however, is more than an honor. It is an ongoing responsibility and an obligation to continue to demonstrate those outstanding qualities that result in a student's selection. Membership also carries a responsibility to the chapter. If our NHS chapter is to be effective and meaningful, each member must become involved.

Obligations of all chapter members are as follows:

- Must maintain a minimum 3.8 cumulative weighted GPA
- Participation in group and individual service projects with a minimum of at least 30 community service hours completed each academic year (Article XIV, Section 1-4)
- Regular attendance at weekly chapter meetings (Article XIII)
- Payment of yearly chapter dues (\$20) ((Article IV, Section 2)

**Failure to maintain these expectations may result in dismissal.