# Northbridge High School Bernice T. Plante Chapter of the National Honor Society

#### What is the purpose of this organization?

The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of Northbridge High School.

### Who can join?

Any junior or senior who has been enrolled at Northbridge High School for at least one semester and meets the following requirements is invited to fill out a candidate form for selection by the Faculty Council:

**Scholarship Requirement** - The scholarship requirement is a 4.000 GPA based on a student's cumulative grade point average.

**Leadership Requirement** - Students are to maintain two leadership positions and exercise leadership by...

- having a positive influence on peers both in and out of school.
- holding offices or positions, conducting business effectively and efficiently, and demonstrating reliability and dependability.
- being a leader in the classroom, at work, and in other school or community activities.
- maintaining 95% attendance at school as stated in the Northbridge High School Handbook under Student Leader.

**Service Requirement** - Fifty hours of service from the first day of high school up until candidate form completion are required for selection. Service is to be considered actions undertaken by the student on behalf of others (non-family members) without any direct financial or material gain for the individual.

**Character Requirement** - A candidate will be able to demonstrate an outstanding record of conduct and behavior with regard to school and community rules, guidelines, and policies or be able to demonstrate sufficient growth and improvement to compensate for previous inadequacies. A person of character demonstrates the following six pillars of character: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship. In addition, it can also be said that the student...

- consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability).
- demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability.
- obeys rules, avoids cheating, and doesn't profit from the mistakes of others.

#### When can I join?

Students who meet the scholarship requirement will receive a letter inviting them to fill out a candidate form during the middle/end of September. Students will have about two weeks to fill out the form and turn it in. No late forms will be accepted.

#### I've filled out the candidate form. How do I know if I've been selected?

The Faculty Council will review all candidate forms and then notify students of their decision through a letter. Students will receive this letter in October.

#### I've been selected to be on National Honor Society. What happens next?

An induction ceremony will be held in November.

#### Are there any requirements once I'm on National Honor Society?

Yes. It is an honor, bestowed on the student, to be a member of the chapter. Once selected the student must continue to show the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Specifically, students must meet the following:

#### Scholarship Requirement - Students must:

• maintain a 4.000 cumulative GPA.

## Leadership Requirement - Students must:

- maintain two leadership positions each year of membership.
- maintain 95% attendance at school.
- attend all general meetings of the National Honor Society (a schedule will be given at the beginning of the year/induction).
- be a leader in the classroom, at work, and in other school or community activities.

## Service Requirement - Students must:

- complete 30 hours of service each year of membership.
- participate in a group service project completed by the chapter.
- complete an individual service project each year of membership.

#### Character Requirement - Students must:

- demonstrate the six pillars of character: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship.
- consistently exemplify desirable qualities of behavior and obey the school conduct code.
- demonstrate the highest standards of honesty and reliability.
- obey rules, avoid cheating, and not profit from the mistakes of others.
- not commit any criminal activities.

Students who do not meet any of these requirements will be put on probation and/or be dismissed from National Honor Society.

#### Where can I find the current by-laws for our chapter?

The current by-laws are posted on the Northbridge High School National Honor Society Google Classroom page.

#### Who is the advisor?

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