

August 2007

Dear Mentor High School Honor Student:

The Mentor High School Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold its induction of new members on December of 2007. The purpose of the Society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. National Honor Society is designed to recognize students who are academic achievers AND are civic - minded leaders willing to serve others. No person is guaranteed membership based on his/her grades alone. The back of this letter explains the four criteria used for selection in detail. If you feel you have demonstrated these criteria while at Mentor High, we would like to extend our invitation to you to apply for membership.

The Mentor High web site has an NHS web page. Go to that site and download an application packet. **DO NOT STAPLE OR FOLD THE APPLICATION AS IT MUST BE XEROXED.** There will be an informational meeting for all candidates at 2:30 on October 8, 2007 in B-Lecture. Honor Society applications will be explained at this meeting, so be sure you have a copy with you. Please make every effort to attend if you wish to apply. PSEO students are expected to attend the meeting or see Mrs. Stuckey in B-7 before homeroom or at 2:30.

All applications must be completed and returned to Mrs. Stuckey in B-7 by 2:30 October 19, 2007. You will have to file your application and sign a list verifying submission before the deadline. Be sure 4 evaluators have submitted evaluation. If you are PSEO, be sure you file your application and sign the submission sheet prior to the 2:30 deadline. This is your responsibility. Applications received after that deadline will not be considered.

Once all applications are submitted, the faculty will receive a list of candidates to be evaluated on leadership and character. Advisors will verify service, and it is the candidate's responsibility to obtain signatures. Parents are not permitted to sign for service activities. Finally, each candidate's application will be carefully reviewed by a Faculty Council appointed by Mr. Spiccia. Please understand that applying for membership does not ensure acceptance

Once accepted into the National Honor Society, members are expected to maintain a 3.5 grade point average and obey all school rules and codes of conduct. Members must attend all meeting from 6:55 a.m to 7:15 a.m, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, **AND ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED.** Failure to do the above could result in dismissal. Members must commit themselves to at least 2 service projects undertaken by the organization as well as 10 hours service hours, and should seek opportunities to develop leadership skills. Membership in National Honor Society is a privilege and can be beneficial in the future. This is an opportunity to join a group of students at Mentor High School who, through involvement and achievement, inspire and lead. We encourage you to submit the necessary form for review and selection.

Sincerely,

Linda Stuckey, Advisor

MENTOR HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

The National Honor Society at Mentor High School is an organization which exists to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. Thus, the selection of members is based on four criteria which are considered equally in the selection process:

1. Scholarship: The candidate must have
 - *achieved a 3.25 cumulative grade point average at the end of the sophomore or junior year
 - * attended Mentor High for one semester

“While the academic criterion is important and should be considered first, membership should never be considered on the basis of grades alone, even though a faculty council may consider scholarship the most important of the four criteria.”

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2. Character: The candidate must
 - *demonstrate the highest principles of behavior, morality, and ethics
 - *show no evidence of cheating or copying another student’s work
 - * be honest and truthful
 - * comply with all school rules and policies
 - * show courtesy, concern, and respect for others
 - * take criticism willingly and accept recommendations graciously
 - *exemplify desirable qualities of personality
 - * have powers of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance to studies
3. Leadership: The candidate should
 - *actively lead in classroom discussion and activities, helping to contribute to a positive atmosphere for learning
 - * show initiative in proposing ideas, applying principles, making suggestions, and sharing information
 - * be thoroughly dependable
 - * inspire positive behavior in others
 - *have a positive attitude
 - *demonstrate initiative in promoting school policies and activities
4. Service: The student who serves
 - *volunteers dependable and well organized assistance
 - * works well with others and willingly takes responsibility
 - * does committee and staff work without complaint
 - *shows courtesy while assisting others
 - * participates in outside activities
 - * cheerfully and enthusiastically renders service to the school
 - * is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
 - *upholds scholarship and maintains a loyal school attitude