

### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

The National Honor Society is an organization of outstanding juniors and seniors who demonstrate qualities of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Students judged worthy of membership by a council of faculty are inducted during the second quarter. The purpose of this organization is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to promote leadership, to encourage a concern for character development, and to develop a desire to render service in the students of Toronto High School.

#### **Selection Procedure**

At the beginning of the second quarter, new members will be selected for the National Honor Society from among qualifying juniors and seniors. In order to be considered for membership in the National Honor Society, juniors and seniors must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 or above. In addition, a student must have demonstrated qualities of good character, leadership, and service as evidenced through co-curricular activities, leadership positions held, community/church activities, and/or work experience.

During the first two weeks in February, the faculty council, consisting of five (5) members, will meet to review activity forms and teacher evaluation to select new members. The criteria used in the review includes:

***LEADERSHIP:*** The student who exercises leadership:

- is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions.
- demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities.
- exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals.
- contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school.
- is able to delegate responsibilities.
- exemplifies positive attitudes.
- inspires positive behavior in others.
- demonstrates academic initiative.
- successfully holds school offices or position of responsibility, conducts business efficiently and effectively, and is reliable and dependable without prodding.
- demonstrates leadership in the classroom, at work, and in school activities.
- is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.

***SERVICE:***

- is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.
- participates in some outside activity: Girl/Boy Scouts, church groups, volunteer services for the aged, poor, and disadvantaged, family duties.

- volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance.
- works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities.
- cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school.
- is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition.
- does committee and staff work uncomplainingly.
- shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

*CHARACTER:*

- takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously.
- constantly exemplifies desirable qualities of personality (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability).
- upholds principles of morality and ethics.
- cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability.
- shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others.
- observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness both inside and outside of the classroom.
- has powers of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies.
- manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.
- actively helps to rid the school of bad influences or environment.

Upon selection to membership in the National Honor Society, a student pledges to maintain the qualities for which he/she was selected. Practically, this means that a student must maintain a 3.30 or above GPA each quarter and must complete a MINIMUM OF four (4) service activities each year.