

# Skene Mountain Chapter of the National Junior & Senior Honor Society



## Eligibility

- Attendance: Candidates must have been in satisfactory attendance at Whitehall Jr.Sr. High School the equivalent of one semester
- Class in School: Candidates for NHS must be members of the freshman, junior or senior class at the time of selection.
  - Candidates for NJHS must be in 7th or 8th grade.
- Scholarship: Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 90%.
- Leadership: Leadership roles in both school and community may be considered, provided they can be verified.
- Service: The student must have been active in service projects in the school and community.
- Character: Character is measured in terms of respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship. The faculty council will consider the positive aspects of character as well as the negative character traits.

## Selection Procedure

- Five Whitehall Jr.Sr. faculty members will be chosen to serve on each faculty council. The advisor will serve as a non-voting member.
- All non-members who meet the standards for class in school and scholarship will be invited to complete a candidate packet.
  - Candidate packets will be handed out during the month of April.
  - You will have about two weeks to fill out the candidate packet. Signatures are not required, but are suggested.
- Students who seek membership will submit completed candidate packet to the NHS advisor. The advisor will convene a meeting of the faculty council.
- The faculty council may survey pertinent records maintained by school officials about student behavior.
- All faculty members will be invited to make comments on the candidates.
- All judgments of the faculty council will be free of hearsay and rumor.
- After gathering information as described above, the faculty council will vote on granting membership to each student. A majority will prevail.
- The Principal will be given notice of the Faculty Council's decision and will make any final decisions.
- Candidates will be notified in person, by the Advisor of the status of their membership.
- If a student is not granted entrance into the NHS, they may appeal the decision.
- Induction ceremony will take place one evening in May.

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## *Appeals Process*

If a candidate is not accepted into the Skene Mountain Chapter of the National Honor Society, they may appeal this decision. To appeal the decision, a student and/or parent should contact the chapter adviser to give verbal and/or written intention to appeal. This notification should be given to the Honor Society adviser within five (5) days of non-acceptance notice. The adviser will then schedule a meeting with the student and/or parent to formulate a plan for moving forward.

Step	Process	Comments
1.	Notice of Appeal to adviser	Within 5 days of non acceptance notice, Student/ Parent gives to the adviser a letter of appeal
2.	Adviser alerts the Principal	Principal
3.	Principal meeting	Principal <i>may</i> meet with the student/ parent to hear their arguments
4.	Principal meet with Faculty Council	If the Principal feels that “some kind of technical or procedural mistake has been make, the principal may ask the Faculty Council to reconvene to review the situation” (P.34)
5.	Principal Decision	This is a final decision

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