

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society, Delta Sigma Delta Chapter, is an important part of our program at Monticello. Every student should be familiar with the selection criteria and procedures as outlined below:

Every Sophomore and Junior with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above is eligible for consideration for the National Honor Society. In the spring of the year the students with eligible grade points may apply for membership into the National Honor Society. These students will document service work, describe traits of their character and leadership experiences. Applicants will be expected to have documented their completed 40 hours of service work.

Staff members are asked to rate each student on the ballot that they know using an A (4 points), B (3 points), C (2 points), or D (1 point). To be eligible at least 5 faculty members must vote on a student. A separate average for each student in each area is computed and then added. Those students who have a minimum 2.75 average in each of the areas of Leadership-and Character, a minimum of 3.00 in Service, a minimum of 3.5 in Scholarship, and a total of 13.0 points after adding the 4 averages will be invited to join the National Honor Society. For example:

SAMPLE BALLOT (GPA not included on actual ballot)

	Leadership	Service	Character
Student A (3.50 GPA)	2.67	3.4	3.5
Student B (4.00 GPA)	3.0	3.0	3.0
Student C (3.90 GPA)	3.6	3.0	2.9

The averages in the boxes above would be computed after tallying faculty votes.

- Student A's total would be 13.07 (3.5 + 2.67 + 3.4 + 3.5) but he/she would not be inducted because 2.67 in leadership is below minimum.
- Student B's total is 13.0 and he/she would be inducted because scholarship added enough points to reach 13.0
- Student C's total is 13.4 and he/she would be inducted even though character is not particularly high. In this case scholarship has supplied enough extra points to make the minimum.

The following is the rating guide to help define Leadership, Service, and Character:

Leadership

- a. takes constructive lead in classroom, WIN, and school activities
- b. promotes worthy and proper school activities
- c. successfully holds school office or positions of responsibility
- d. contributes constructive ideas which improve the school
- e. definitely influences others for good
- f. shows initiative in his/her studies

(Leadership is not based merely on the holding of co-curricular offices but on the efficiency with which their duties were performed.)

Service

- a. puts service to others above self-interest, gives time, effort, talents, not for personal gain but for class, school or community as a whole
- b. performs committee or staff work
- c. shows courtesy to teachers, other students and visitors
- d. represents the school in various types of competition
- e. renders service through the school to the community

(Service is not based on classroom work, projects, or activities for which grades or pay is given.)

Character

- a. meets promptly individual pledges and responsibilities to the school and teachers
- b. demonstrates highest standards of attitude toward honesty, reliability, fairness, tolerance (seeing the other point of view)
- c. cooperates in a willing spirit with school regulations concerning property, books, attendance, halls, locker, etc. - actively helps rid the school of bad influences
- d. upholds principles of morality and ethics

(Character is not based on mere personality, nor on minor incidents unless they are repeated so as to indicate a definite pattern of behavior. We must always be conscious of adolescent growth and development.)

Scholarship

- a. based on cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher after 1st semester

Students who are selected for membership will be contacted in the spring and asked if they wish to participate. Students who do not wish to be members of the National Honor Society may have their names withdrawn.

Students who are not selected will be contacted in the spring as well.