

NewCath NHS Chapter Bylaws

NOMINATION AND SELECTION & DEFINITION OF MEMBERSHIP

Article III NOMINATION AND SELECTION

- Section 1. To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a member of the sophomore or junior class. Also, they must have been in attendance at NewCath for at least one trimester, and they must meet the minimum grade point average. Once this criterion has been met, students are considered candidates to the program.
- Section 2. Membership is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection is by a majority vote by a faculty committee and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership and service*. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities. (**Service is evaluated on hours above and beyond the school's required religion department hours.*)
- Section 3. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.
- Section 4. Candidates shall attain at least two faculty letters of recommendation and complete an essay completing the statement, "Selection into the National Honor Society would..."
- Section 5. A student wishing to appeal a Selection Committee should notify the NHS moderator and the principal.

Article IV – DEFINITION OF MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Candidates/members shall possess the quality of scholarship by maintaining a minimum grade point average of 3.75.
- Section 2. Candidates/members shall possess leadership qualities such as resourcefulness in proposing new problems along with solutions, demonstrating initiative in promoting school activities, exercising positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals, contributing ideas that improve civic life, exemplifying positive attitudes, able to delegate, inspires positive behavior, responsibly holds school offices or similar positions, and/or demonstrates a high level of loyalty.
- Section 3. Candidates/members shall possess service qualities such as volunteering and providing dependable assistance, is gladly available, works well with others, willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities, cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school, works without complaint, participates in some activity outside of school (i.e. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, et cetera), mentors persons in the community, and/or shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers and students. These service qualities are voluntary and extend beyond the school's normal required religion hours.
- Section 4. Candidates/members shall possess the "Six Pillars of Character." These pillars include respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring and citizenship. The student of character takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously; consistently exemplifies cheerfulness, friendliness, poise and stability; upholds principles of morality and ethics; cooperates by complying with school regulations; demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability; has powers of concentration and self-discipline; avoids cheating; shows an unwillingness to profit from the mistakes of others; and actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment.