

## Midland National Honor Society Criterion

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors are invited to apply for Midland's National Honor Society. ALL application materials will be available in August/September each year. Check with the NHS sponsor early each fall for exact dates of application material availability, due dates, and induction dates.

All applicants must have a **cumulative** grade point average of **3.5** or above. This GPA will **NOT guarantee** that a student will be inducted. All applications must be submitted before the deadline set for the year.

**Leadership** – student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, exercises positive influence on peers, inspires positive behavior in others, is a leader in the classroom, at work, and in the community, and demonstrates academic initiative.

**Service** – generally considered to be those actions undertaken by the student which are done with or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation to the individual performing the service; volunteers and provides 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 interclass and interscholastic competition; does committee and staff work without complaint; participates in some activity outside of school, for example, 4-H, church groups, volunteer services for the elderly, poor, or disadvantaged; mentors persons in the community or students at school; shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

**Character** – takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously; consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability); upholds principles of morality and ethics; cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.; demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability; regularly shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; observes instructions and rules, is punctual, and faithful both inside and outside the classroom; has powers of concentration, self-discipline, 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 rid the school of bad influences or environment.

The selection process strictly follows the national bylaws of National Honor Society. Each applicant will be required to fill out an activity form and have two adults send in letters of recommendation. A Faculty Council, made up of five **unnamed** members (**per national bylaws**) of Midland's faculty, will then read each student's application materials.

After checking each student's cumulative grade point average (**students need a cumulative 3.5 or above in order to apply**), the Faculty Council will consider all information in the selection process.