



American School of Paris Chapter of the National Honor Society Selection Procedure Description

The National Honor Society chapter of the American School of Paris is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member, Upper School Director-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school during the fall and spring semesters. The four areas of evaluation are explained below in further detail.

Students in grades 11 and 12 are eligible for membership in the fall, and students in grades 10 and 11 are eligible for membership in the spring. For the scholarship criteria, a student must have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.7 or better on a 4.0 scale. Each fall and spring those students who meet this first-step criteria are invited to complete the ASP candidate information form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's service, leadership and character.

When evaluating the ASP candidate information form, the faculty council is looking for genuine service activities that showcase a student's desire to give back to their school and community. The council is interested in the quality and depth of a student's service more than the quantity of service activities. Students are encouraged to include at least one ASP sponsored service activity in their applications.

Leadership can be found in many ways, but the faculty council is seeking demonstrated leadership beyond what is shown in the classroom. A student does not have to be an officer of a club or captain of a sports team to demonstrate leadership. Students are encouraged to provide specific examples that speak to their leadership qualities in all areas of their lives.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary information is reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's character. The faculty council is again looking for specific examples that can speak to a student's integrity, honesty, humility and moral compass.

Any solicited faculty input and all ASP candidate information forms are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection according to a predetermined schedule.

Following notification, an induction ceremony during morning assembly is held to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all four criteria that led to their selection.