

Idyllwild Arts Chapter Of The National Honor Society

Membership Criteria and Checklist

The Idyllwild Arts Chapter of the National Honor Society is a chartered and affiliated chapter of the national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of the NHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter needs. A five-member Faculty Council, appointed by the Dean of Academics, bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each October of the academic year.

Students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades at Idyllwild Arts are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative Idyllwild Arts GPA of 3.80 or better. Students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Student Activity Information Form that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service experience.

A history of leadership experience is required, and can consist of: 1) appointment or election to leadership positions; 2) other positions of responsibility; and 3) and other situations requiring the direction and motivation of others. These opportunities are available in the arts, academics, residential life, and outside the IAA community. These are subject to approval by the Faculty Council.

A record of school or community service is also required. Prior to induction, candidates must be involved in a campus organization for at least a half hour every week, such as math tutors, writing tutors, tour guides, peer ears, etc. After induction, students volunteer for a total of 2 hours a month in other approved campus activities. During the summer months, students must also volunteer at least 6 hours in their home communities. The total hours of community service provided will be 30 per year. Again, all leadership hours are subject to approval and verification by the Faculty Council.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, students solicit members of the faculty for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's character, service activities, and leadership. The basis for character evaluation coincides with the seven core values of the Idyllwild Arts Academy: integrity, respect, responsibility, aspiration, passion, imagination, and contribution to the community.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held to recognize 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. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings held monthly during the school year, and participation

in the chapter service projects. Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser, Kim Henderson, by phone at 951-659-2171, ext., 2314 or by e-mail at khenderson@idyllwildarts.org.

Fall 2016 submissions are due on Friday, September 30.

Sincerely,

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