

Appeals in Cases of Non-Selection:

Chapters are not legally or constitutionally obligated to share with parents and students information concerning specific students not selected for membership in the Society. It has been the practice, however, for the Psi Lambda Sigma chapter of the National Honor Society at Franklin Academy to try explain how decisions regarding the growth and development of a student on campus were made and to provide effective direction to such students to assist them in reaching their goals, despite the existence of specific setbacks.

Since the chapter advisor is closest to the selection process, it is this individual who is best prepared to provide immediate feedback. If students and/or parents still not be satisfied, the next level of discussion should take place with the principal.

If the principal believes that some kind of technical procedural mistake has been made, the principal may ask the Faculty Council to reconvene to review the situation.

Non-selected students and their parents may wish to question the judgment of the Faculty Council. It is important to understand that all decisions of the kind involved in the selection process have some subjective aspects, but that the decisions are derived in a fair manner and based on sound, professional judgment.

Parents and students must understand that no student has a right to be selected for membership in a chapter of the National Honor Society.

The National Council and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) have no authority to review or overturn the judgment of the Faculty Council regarding selection of individual members to local chapters.

Steps in the appeals process:

1. Meet with the advisor
2. Meet with the principal