

NYSO Membership & Expansion Committee

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Steps to Follow for Nomination of a NYSO Honorary Member:

1. **Definition:** The recipient of a State Honorary Membership is a woman **not** eligible for active membership and who has made contributions of statewide or national significance. Any member, Chapter or State Organization of the Society may submit a name for Honorary Membership **if** she is currently giving distinguished service to education or women.
2. Nomination(s) must be submitted to the Chair of the NYSO Membership & Expansion Committee by **October 15**. The NYSO Honorary Member Nomination Form is available on the NYSO website or by contacting me at the above address.
3. The NYSO Membership Committee shall screen the candidate(s) and then recommend to the State Executive Board. A four-fifths (4/5) vote of approval is required.
4. The Chair of the NYSO Membership Committee shall report the results of the voting to the State President and to members of the State Executive Board. The Chair will keep a permanent record of all invitations and responses to these invitations.
5. The State President shall issue an invitation to the candidate(s) (*not more than two per year*) and notify the State Membership Chair of the candidate's decision. The State President or her designee and the State Membership Chair will arrange the Orientation and Induction. Induction of a NYSO Honorary member(s) may be conducted at any meeting: such as a State Convention, an Area Conference or a Chapter meeting.
6. The new Honorary Member may be given a key pin by the State Organization at the time of Induction. The State Honorary Membership certificates are available from International Headquarters.
7. The fee for State Organization Honorary Member is \$49.00.

Remember, the deadline for nomination is October 15.