

NHS Frequently Asked Questions by Students and Parents

What is National Honor Society????

Membership in the NHS is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. The NHS has worked hard to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and community. Chapters in more than 12,500 high schools across the nation strive to give practical meaning to the Society's goals of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

How can I be chosen to apply for National Honor Society?

In April of your junior year, all students who are in the top 15% of your class will automatically receive an invitation to apply for membership in the Caney Creek chapter of National Honor Society.

Am I automatically a member?

*No. NHS membership is a privilege, not a right, according to the constitution of the national organization. Although you might fulfill the **scholastic** component of NHS membership, you must show that you also can fulfill the **leadership, character, and service** components.*

What can I do now to ensure that I meet all four components of a National Honor Society member?

- 1. Take challenging classes and be a successful **scholar** in order to be in the top 15%.*
- 2. Join organizations and strive to take **leadership** positions in those organizations (officer positions)*
- 3. Be a kind, respectful, helpful student and all-around person. Follow the student handbook at all times and show others how to be good people of **character**.*
- 4. Take part in several community **service** projects through school, church, employer or create one of your own!*

How do I show that I would make a great NHS member?

You will fill out your Membership Petition in April of your junior year which will ask you to write a short essay and list your leadership positions, service projects, and other information. You will also ask four teachers to fill out recommendation forms for you. All of this will be turned in to the NHS sponsors to be given to a Faculty Council who will choose the new NHS members.

How am I selected to be a member of NHS?

A Faculty Council consisting of 5 teachers will review all Membership Petitions, including the essays, and teacher recommendation forms. In this closed meeting, the Council will decide which candidates fulfill the four goals of the National Honor Society. NHS sponsors and the school principal are not allowed to be a part of this meeting.

Why do I want to be a member of NHS?

The National Honor Society is one of very few high school organizations that is universally recognized by college admissions officers and scholarship committees as being challenging and elite. Many of these awards and admissions are given to NHS members over non-NHS members with all other qualifications being equal.

What will be expected of me as a Caney Creek NHS member?

- Annual dues of \$10.00 due in May following the Induction Ceremony
- Attendance at 30 minute meetings every 2-3 weeks
- Participation in an 8-hour chapter service project each semester
- Completion of 12-15 hours of individual community/school service each semester
- Participation in the chapter fundraiser
- Assistance with Open House (fall) and NHS Induction (spring)
- Other activities, as needed

Where can I get more information?

Please visit www.nhs.us for information on the organization.

2011-2012 NHS Officers (Seniors)

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