

WEIMAR HIGH SCHOOL
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
GUIDELINES

I. APPLICATION PROCESS

- A. At the end of the first semester, the office will print, upon request of the NHS advisor, the names and averages of all sophomore, junior, and senior students that have a cumulative average of 90 or higher in core academic courses with at least one Honors designation in each core subject. The core high school academic courses include: Language Arts, Mathematics, Sciences, and Social Studies. This would exclude P.E./Athletics, Fine Arts, Languages, and Career/Technical Education Classes.
- B. Once the list has been provided, the advisor will then check the current year's ISS lists. If an applicant has received more than one day of ISS during the current year, the applicant is not eligible for membership.
- C. Applicants must participate in **two** UIL events and make an **Academic UIL team**. This includes representing the event as a participant at no less than one practice meet, district meet, and completing the practice hours required by the event's sponsor.
- D. All applicants will be required to perform 6 hours of individual service. Service hours are time volunteered by applicants to contribute to the school and community. Service hours may be accrued within one year of application.
- E. All students that meet the scholarship and conduct requirements mentioned above will be notified in writing. They will be expected to sign and return a form within **one week** declaring if they prefer to continue the selection process or wish to discontinue the process. If the form is not returned, the applicant will not be eligible for membership.
- F. Applicants must return the *Student Information Packet*, including an essay, with their signature and a parent or guardian signature by the **designated deadline** or the applicant is not eligible for membership. The application should be completed by the applicant in **black ink**. This packet includes specifics about the applicant's UIL academic participation and service hours documentation. The essay should be a **two single-paged, double spaced, typed essay** with **12 point font** and **normal margins** that includes a "**Description about your main strengths and weaknesses, what have you done in your life that makes you proud of yourself, what you most regret, and anything else about yourself that may be helpful in your selection into the NHS.**"

II. SELECTION PROCESS

- A. Once the prospective member has met the above qualifications, the advisor will make copies of the Student Information Packet for each of the teachers on the faculty council.
- B. After having time to consider the Student Information Packets, the council will have a meeting to discuss each applicant. The council will then take a vote on membership for each student individually. The vote for membership must be a majority vote of the faculty council.
- C. The students selected for membership will be notified and given an invitation to be inducted during a ceremony at the Academic/UIIL/Band Banquet held at a date to be decided on by the UIL Coordinator and principal.

III. MAINTAINING MEMBERSHIP

- A. Individual Service Hours
Members must perform at least six hours of individual service during each school year. These hours must be completed and turned in by dates designated by the advisor.
- B. Groups Service Hours
Members are expected to participate in all NHS activities, such as Blood Drives, fundraisers, meetings.
- C. Grades
Members must maintain a cumulative GPA average of at least 90 for each 6-weeks.
- D. UIL Academics
Members must be a member of an **Academic UIL team**. This includes representing the event as a participant at not less than one practice meet, the district meet, and completing the practice hours required by the event's sponsor.
- E. Probation
 - i. Probation means that a student has committed a violation of the NHS guidelines. You will be notified in writing, and a parent signature must be obtained. Anyone placed on probation will be expected to perform additional service hours approved by the advisor and principal. Students on probation are still expected to participate in all activities as the other members do.
 - ii. Students can only be on probation once during their membership. A second offense of any kind results in dismissal from the NHS..
 - iii. Members will automatically be placed on probation for the following reasons:
 1. Combined overall six weeks average of all high school classes taken, including athletics, physical education, yearbook, and office aide, below 90 or an individual class average below a 70. Any advanced courses taken will have weighted points included.
 2. Assignment to ISS. *Any disciplinary infraction considered particularly egregious is subject to review by the faculty committee and removal from the program will be considered.

3. Failure to participate in group service projects.
4. Missing monthly mandatory NHS meetings.
 - a. 1st unexcused absence results in a written reprimand, and an extra hour of individual service will be added to your duties.
 - b. 2nd unexcused absence will result in probation.
 - c. 3rd unexcused absence will result in dismissal.(If you know in advance that you will be unable to attend, you must personally contact the advisor and place in writing the reason for your absence.)

IV. TRANSFER STUDENTS

A member who transfers from another school and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter advisor to the new school advisor shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school's chapter. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

V. OFFICERS

The officers of this chapter shall be president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and reporter. The members eligible for officer are senior members. The election of officers will be held at the first regular meeting of the new school year.