

## **GUIDELINES FOR CHS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

The Charlotte Beale (CHS) Chapter of the National Honor Society recognizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership, and service. These are the policies for selection, maintaining membership, and dismissal.

### **Selection Process**

To be selected for membership into the National Honor Society, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member of the sophomore, junior, or senior class

**STUDENTS WHOSE APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED BUT WHO CHOOSE NOT TO JOIN OR WHO DO NOT ATTEND THE INDUCTION CEREMONY WILL NOT RECEIVE ANOTHER APPLICATION THE FOLLOWING YEAR(S).**

- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 at the end of the semester prior to membership
- Submit faculty recommendations from two CHS classroom teachers
- Present evidence of service and leadership
- Several letters to support service and leadership activities should be presented with the name and telephone number of an adult on each letter. Official letterhead is preferred. Photocopies of certificates are also acceptable as evidence of service and leadership.
- Present evidence of participation in extra-curricular activities
- Uphold principal of morality and ethics

The Faculty Council will review the student's high school discipline folder provided by the appropriate grade level administrator. Faculty members will be asked to submit evidence of lack of good character such as cheating, stealing, lying, disciplinary problems, etc. Faculty remarks are held in confidence.

- Complete and submit the proper forms and information by the established deadline, including parent/guardian signature.

A Faculty Council of five members will review the applicant's file and assign points for each of the criteria that a student meets. Consequently, the final membership vote will be decided through an impartial point system.

## **Maintaining Membership**

To remain a member of the NHS a student must meet the following criteria:

- Maintain a 3.3 GPA students who fall below the required 3.3 GPA will receive a one-semester probationary period and a warning. If the GPA is not raised to a 3.3 by the end of the probationary semester, the student will be dismissed from NHS and *may not rejoin*.
- Complete 20 service hours during the academic year(15 for the induction year)
- Service is defined as not for pay, not for credit, not for any immediate family member, and not just watching-DOING! Family activities, including chores and helping siblings with schoolwork, does NOT count as service hours.
- Participate in at least one NHS group sponsored service project per academic year.
- Pay the dues (\$10) no later than the January meeting. A \$5 late fee will be added after that date.
- Attend announced monthly meetings

(A student may miss only two meetings with a note for an excused absence. For every meeting missed without a note excusing the absence, two additional service hours will be required. A note from a parent or teacher must be provided for excused absences). Students have a copy of meeting dates, dates are published on the NHS bulletin board, and announcements are made the week of meetings.

- Uphold the principles of morality and ethics.

## **DISMISSAL PROCEDURES**

The faculty council will dismiss a student from the National Honor Society if the member:

- Fails to maintain the minimum 3.3 Cumulative GPA (not rounded). If a student's GPA falls below the minimum, he/she will be given one semester of probation to bring the GPA up to the minimum. If he/she fails to bring the GPA up to the minimum (3.3) during the one semester period of probation he/she will be dismissed from the National Honor Society.
- Fails to complete the minimum number of community service hours during the school year.
- Fails to participate in a minimum of one NHS group sponsored service project (fall/spring).
- Blatantly and/or habitually shows a disregard for the policies and procedures of Churchland High School.
- Misses more than two meetings during the school year.
- Fails to pay the established dues by the late deadline.