

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INFORMATION

The Silver Creek/APEX Chapter of the National Honor Society is now accepting applications for membership. In general, the requirements for membership are:

Scholarship: Members must have a minimum cumulative weighted grade point average of 3.5

Leadership: Students must have demonstrated leadership ability either inside or outside of school.

Service: Students must have been involved in clubs, organizations, or other activities and have previously volunteered time either inside or outside of their school.

Character: Students must have demonstrated the qualities of integrity, cooperation, industry, courtesy, determination and concern for others.

If you wish to be considered for membership in the National Honor Society, you must do the following:

- Complete the student section of the application for National Honor Society, and obtain the signatures of two faculty members who agree to sponsor you in seeking membership.
- Read through the NHS By-Laws and have both you and a family member sign the back page stating that you have read and agree with the by-laws.
- Commit to at least 48 hours of volunteer service per year of membership.
- Attend all monthly meetings, which will be held at Silver Creek HS.
- Maintain the minimum 3.5 G.P.A. throughout the entire two year membership period.
- Return the completed application, the signed By-Laws and your \$10. dues (cash or check made out to Silver Creek) to Ms. Lancaster by **Friday October 2nd**. At that time your name and application will be reviewed by the faculty advisors for consideration.

You'll be notified of the status of your application via e-mail. The Induction ceremony will be held in the Silver Creek auditorium on Monday October 12th, 2015 from 6:30 pm until approximately 8:00 pm. Attendance is mandatory for inductees (unless you have a compelling reason not to) and family members are strongly encouraged to attend.

APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Name_____

Email address (**please write legibly!**): _____

Cell Phone Number (in order to receive texts): _____

It has been determined that when a candidate is being considered to be a member of National Honor Society, the major emphasis is placed on academic achievement represented by the student's cumulative GPA. Involvement in extra-curricular activities and volunteer work prior to becoming a member is also highly regarded. In order for the selection committee to know you better, we ask you to answer the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be a member of National Honor Society?
2. Do you have any special academic achievements that you feel make you a good candidate for NHS? (i.e. Outstanding History student, Art awards, Good Citizen awards, etc)?
3. List all prior volunteer experiences; these could be through a school, a private organization or in your community.

4. Print the names of two teachers familiar with your academic accomplishments, who would be willing to sponsor your membership in NHS, and obtain a signature from each one.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

I have read and agree to the terms of membership printed on page 1 of this application and as outlined in the NHS By-Laws:

Student Signature Date Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Please return this completed application form, the signed NHS By-Laws and \$10.00 membership dues (payable by cash or a check, made out to Silver Creek High School) to Ms. Lancaster by Friday October 2nd.

By-Laws for the Silver Creek High School Chapter of the National Honor Society

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the Silver Creek/APEX High School National Honor Society.

Section 2: The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools.

ARTICLE II SELECTION OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership induction will be based on a student's cumulative grade point average after completion of their sophomore year.

Section 2: Only juniors who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher will be invited to apply for admission to the honor society. The core courses used to determine eligibility should be of honors, college preparatory, or advanced placement quality. GPA's which include modified grades may not be considered.

Section 3: Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of service, character, and leadership, in addition to scholarship capabilities. A list of candidates who meet GPA requirements will be given to all teachers to assess the above criteria. If faculty or administrators judge that a student's qualifications in one of the above areas are insufficient or are compromised in any way, that student may be considered ineligible to join this honor society chapter.

Section 4: Students must maintain a course load to earn a minimum of 2.5 credits per semester. Two of these credits must be in core curriculum areas (English, social studies, math, science, or foreign language) unless the student has completed their core graduation requirements. During the term of membership, students must maintain both the course load requirements and the minimum 3.5 GPA.

ARTICLE III DUES

Section 1: Chapter dues shall be \$10 per annum, per student. This fee covers the chapter's annual membership fee and the cost of the student's honor cord for graduation.

Section 2: All members must pay chapter dues prior to the November meeting of each year. Failure to do so is grounds for dismissal.

ARTICLE IV SERVICE PROJECTS

Section 1: Members must accumulate a minimum of the following volunteer hours in each category:

*8 school-related hours: These may be served at or for SCHS, or for another school, public or private.

*8 community hours: These may be served apart from the school or any educationally related activities.

* 32 personal hours: These may be either of the above types, counted after the minimums have been met for each area.

*48 hours of total service must be recorded for each member per year.

Section 2: At least one-half of a student's requirement, 24 hours, must be accrued during the actual school year.

Section 3: At least one-half of the hours must be completed prior to the end of the first semester of the school year; students who do not meet the first semester requirement will receive notice of a two week deadline to complete the required hours or be dropped from N.H.S.

Section 4: The second half (or remaining number) of hours must be completed by May 8th. (This enables the parliamentarian and sponsor to tally and verify all hours.) Students who do not meet the final requirement will

receive notice of a two week deadline to complete the required hours, or that student will be dropped from NHS.

Section 5: Each NHS member will be assigned to a faculty member at the beginning of the school year. The intent of this assignment is to facilitate connection, rapport and a culture of service through a strong relationship with at least one faculty member on the Silver Creek staff. Students are expected to take some initiative and make the first contact with their assigned staff member.

ARTICLE V: DISMISSAL

Dismissal from National Honor Society may occur for the following reasons:

Section 1: Inability to attend the required monthly meetings. Because of the limited number of meetings and the importance of participation, there is no distinction between “excused” and “unexcused” absences. Students may miss twice during each year of their membership in N.H.S. Upon the third absence, regardless of the excuse, the student will be dismissed. (For APEX students, transportation to Silver Creek and attendance at the meetings could be challenging so please speak with Mr. Sardinia if this poses a problem).

Section 2: Inability to complete the required service hours within the specified terms. (See above.)

Section 3: Any serious infractions of school or district rules or regulations, including any violation of the athletic Code of Conduct, drinking, drug use, cheating, theft, fighting, or any activity leading to a suspension will be grounds for dismissal.

Section 4: Repeated discourteousness, disrespectful, or disruptive behavior during National Honor Society meetings or related functions. Individuals will be formally warned, in writing, once and dismissed upon the second incident.

Section 5: Failure to maintain a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA OR to carry the required class load.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

The following officers shall be elected to provide leadership of the organization and to serve on the Executive Council:

Section 1: President: Shall conduct the monthly meetings, represent the organization at speaking opportunities, emcee the induction ceremony, and provide leadership for the society as a whole.

Section 2: Vice-President: Shall assist the president, assist the advisor in collecting and posting volunteer opportunities and maintaining contacts with volunteer organizations, prepare the monthly agenda, and participate in the induction ceremony.

Section 3: Secretary: Shall keep typed versions of the minutes, take attendance and maintain accurate overall attendance records, notify the sponsor of student absences and participate in the induction ceremony.

Section 4: Treasurer: Shall organize funds, collect dues, make deposits to the school secretary, oversee any organizational purchases (pins, etc.), establish and maintain adequate dues and expense records, and participate in the induction ceremony.

Section 5: Parliamentarian: Shall notify students of the process for recording hours, act as the supervisor for hours collection, determine each member’s on-going and final hours status, report on members’ status to the advisor, and participate in the induction ceremony.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1: Meetings will be held once each month, to be determined at the beginning of each school year.

Section 2: Executive Committee meetings will be held within two days prior to the membership meetings.

Section 3: Absence from three meetings is grounds for dismissal. (See above.)

Please sign below to acknowledge that you have reviewed the by-laws and understand the requirements necessary to maintain National Honor Society eligibility. You must return this signature page, your completed application and your \$10. membership dues (cash or check only) to Ms. Lancaster by Friday, October 2nd to be considered for selection to the Silver Creek/APEX Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date