

The First Academy Chapter of National Honor Society

Return Completed Form to Miss Damron by February 24

DIRECTIONS: Please complete all sections. Print (no pencil) all information and submit it by the published deadline. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection. Should you have questions about this form, please contact the Faculty Adviser, Miss Damron.

I. Administrative Information

Name (Print):

Present Grade Level: 10 11 12 Year of Graduation _____

II. GPA

Current Weighted GPA: _____

III. Signatures

I understand that completing this form does not guarantee selection to the National Honor Society. I attest that the information presented here is complete and accurate. If selected, I agree to abide by the standards and guidelines of the chapter and to fulfill all of my membership obligations to the best of my ability.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read the information provided by my son/daughter on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

**Students, return the completed form to Miss Damron by February 24.
(Upper School, Room 105)**

Please do not e-mail or fax the application.

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Dear Parents and Chapter Members:

The purpose of The First Academy National Honor Society chapter shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to motivate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in students of The First Academy. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and graduate. Active members become graduate members at graduation. Graduate and honorary members have no vote in chapter affairs.

Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be dismissed from the TFA Chapter of NHS. Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty, and shall be based on the criteria of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

Examine the subsequent pages of the TFA Chapter Guidelines pertaining to scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

Sincerely,

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Honor Society (Gr: 10-12) Honor

Candidacy Requirements (Scholarship & Character)

Candidacy is granted only to students selected by the Faculty Council based on scholastic merit, upstanding character, leadership potential, and heart for service. Students must be enrolled for one semester prior to being nominated for candidacy.

To be granted candidacy, a student must qualify academically with a 3.5-weighted cumulative grade point average or above (two semesters) and have no more than a net total of 10 demerits (grades 6-12). The student will be required to complete an application and turn it in as outlined in the parent meeting.

This application allows students to document leadership, character, and service so that the Faculty Council can recommend their eligibility for nomination to the Principal.

Those students granted candidacy but not approved by the Faculty Council will meet with the Principal and parent individually where a written explanation of the reasons for failing to qualify will be provided to them.

Those students and families choosing not to accept admission into the honor society should notify the Principal of such a decision immediately.

Selection and Induction Process

Parents and students moving from candidacy to membership must attend a mandatory selection meeting. At the meeting, greater detail will be provided to parents and students regarding membership requirements. At least one parent is required to attend.

Parents will be invited to attend the induction ceremony. Students must participate in the induction ceremony to be considered members.

Membership and Maintenance Requirements (Service & Leadership/Participation)

In addition to the requirements of scholarship (3.5 G.P.A. or better) and character (10 net demerits or less-grades 6-12) mentioned in the candidacy section, leadership and service are also vital elements of NHS.

Students will be required to complete community service and leadership/participation as outlined below.

Community Service

Upper School - Complete 25 hours per year

Leadership/Participation

Upper School - Enroll in one additional co-curricular organization/club/team outside NHS

The First Academy Chapter of NHS Procedures & Guidelines

Maintain 3.5-weighted GPA

- Averages are checked each quarter. If a student falls below a 3.5 GPA, the adviser will issue a written notice to the chapter member.
- A student who falls below this standard for a second time may reach dismissal from the chapter.
- Students may appeal the dismissal to the chapter adviser and the Upper School administrator.

Maintain code of honesty and integrity

- Demerit records are checked each semester. If a student exceeds the 10 net demerits, the advisor will issue a written notice to the chapter member.
- A student who reaches the 10 net demerits may reach dismissal from the chapter.
- Students may appeal the dismissal to the chapter adviser and the Upper School administrator.

Chapter Service Projects

- A student must complete a minimum of 25 service hours each year for maintaining NHS membership, not for induction.
- For chapter service projects, students are strongly encouraged to participate, yet not required. Chapter officers will seek *volunteers* for chapter projects. These volunteer hours may count toward the individual hours.
- The Chapter officers will aim to complete a minimum of four chapter service projects per school year.
- The Chapter officers will be the driving force behind completion of chapter projects.

Chapter Officers

Positions

- President and Vice-President: Manage planning and organization of the club
- Secretary: Manage meetings, member participation, and announcements

- Treasurer: Collect member dues and record chapter expenses
- Reporter: Collect information or photos for chapter projects and NHS participation, create articles or updates for TFA publications, such as TFA Today

Voting and Selection Process

- Flyers and announcements posted for two weeks prior to voting
- Election of new officers will take place near the close of each school year
- Interested students see the chapter advisor
- Candidates approved by administration
- Ballots submitted to NHS members for voting

Chapter Dues

- The chapter treasurer will collect 5.00 from each chapter member.
- The member dues offset the costs associated with the induction ceremony.
- The member dues also offset costs associated with NHS sponsored chapter service projects.
- Each chapter member is expected to contribute the required 5.00 chapter dues.