

Saline NHS Membership Requirements

Membership in the National Honor Society has become recognized nationally as one of the highest honors a high school student may receive. **NHS membership is more than an honor; it carries with it a responsibility and should be considered the beginning of an obligation, not merely the successful culmination of an effort to achieve recognition.** Students who are members of NHS demonstrate outstanding qualities of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Through membership, these qualities will be reinforced. In our extremely active chapter at Saline, there are many opportunities to meaningfully contribute to the school and surrounding community.

The Saline chapter of the National Honor Society requires students to be active and involved as members. All NHS members have busy schedules with classes, extra-curricular activities and jobs. NHS is an organization of students willing to serve their school and local community beyond their busy schedule. In order to maintain membership in the Saline National Honor Society Chapter, members need to meet the expectations and requirements of the chapter. Members are expected to be hard working, dependable, honest, prompt and enthusiastic about contributing to their school and community. Each member's presence and participation are expected and essential to the success of the organization. Below is the list of mandatory requirements that are expected at present.

Mandatory Requirements of NHS

- ❖ Attend **all** monthly Full Chapter meetings (held before school usually on the 3rd Tuesday of the month)
- ❖ Meet the minimum quarterly point requirements and turn in point sheets on time (due on a specific date in October, January, April, & June)
- ❖ Pay the \$10.00 annual chapter dues on time (mid-October)
- ❖ Participate in our chapter's service project, the Canned Food Drive (usually held on a Saturday in early December)
- ❖ Attend the Induction ceremony (usually held on a Wednesday night in April)
- ❖ Read and keep the NHS Member Handbook, the resource that provides members with information regarding the guidelines and procedures of the chapter
- ❖ Follow through on commitments and meet deadlines
- ❖ Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.70
- ❖ Exhibit a high quality of scholarship, leadership, service and character through active participation in the chapter projects
- ❖ Schedule at least three academic credits per semester
- ❖ Represent our NHS chapter by following school rules and policies
- ❖ Must not commit academic/scholastic fraud, such as cheating or plagiarism

Members who do not meet these requirements or performance levels may be subject to a review meeting with the NHS Faculty Council. These students will be put on probation or dismissed from the chapter.

Students who fulfill their obligations of membership throughout their high school career will receive recognition in various ways. A National Honor Society member is recognized upon graduation with a gold NHS seal on their diploma and with recognition in the commencement program. Membership is also noted in high school records. Those students who are extremely active in the chapter can apply for scholarships as well.

Saline NHS Activities

Students earn points for their participation in activities (1 point for every 15 minutes of service). Twenty four points must be earned four times a year. Students must turn in their point sheets listing their activities and the number of points earned. Points are earned through various activities, from special events and fundraising to NHS sponsored and endorsed events. Below are activities that students have planned, organized, or participated in to earn NHS points during the 2005-06 school year:

Special Events

(Events that are held for NHS members)

- ❖ Fall Picnic / Meet & Greet
- ❖ Induction Ceremony

Fundraising

(For support of chapter activities, scholarships, & local charities)

- ❖ Flower Sales
- ❖ Bowl-a-thon

NHS Sponsored Service Activities

(Activities planned & organized by NHS members)

- ❖ Drop-In Tutoring
- ❖ Blood drive
- ❖ Rake-for-Elders
- ❖ Canned Food Drive
- ❖ Santa Letters
- ❖ Bingo at EVH

NHS Endorsed Activities

(Activities that other groups organize but can earn NHS points for participating)

- ❖ Walks for Charities
- ❖ Night on the Field
- ❖ Math Night Volunteers for the elementary schools
- ❖ HS Open House/ Conference assistants
- ❖ Counting on Math tutoring program at elementary schools