

# O'Fallon Township High School - National Honor Society By-Laws

## **Eligibility for Induction:**

Students will be Eligible for induction into the OTHS Chapter of NHS when the following criteria are met:

- I. Student has a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or higher after completing his/her 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, or 7<sup>th</sup> semester.
- II. Student is academically eligible at the end of 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> semester.
- III. Student's coursework includes at least 5 courses in any given semester of mathematics, science, social science and English classes that will enable acceptance at a post-secondary four-year institution.
- IV. Student has behaved responsibly and has had no major violations of school policy.

*As NHS is a national organization we will recognize membership obtained at other schools.*

## **Transfer Member Reciprocity:**

Students who have been initiated into the National Honor Society at another school will be expected to follow all regulations described in this document by the O'Fallon Chapter of the National Honor Society.

- I. For a sophomore, junior, or senior, O'Fallon Township High School chapter of the National Honor Society will recognize membership granted at your previous high school upon documentation of membership.
- II. A student who is a junior or senior and has not been enrolled for 1 full semester at O'Fallon Township High School must provide evidence of eligibility including:
  - a.) All grades officially transferred to our registrar verify a 3.500 cumulative GPA.
  - b.) A letter from your high school must show that student has not been suspended or expelled for any violation of school policy and remain in good standing.

## **Membership and Dues:**

All students who choose to accept membership into the organization will acknowledge membership by signing a membership agreement and paying a membership fee of \$10. Dues as a senior will be collected at the beginning of senior year at an amount of no more than \$10.

## **Induction Ceremony:**

All students acknowledging membership into the organization will be inducted into the society during a formal ceremony held in February of the year they receive their invitations. Juniors will participate in the ceremony during their 6<sup>th</sup> semester and seniors will participate in the ceremony during their 8<sup>th</sup> semester.

*The National Honor Society recognizes students for achievement in 4 areas: Leadership, Character, Service, and Scholarship. For students to remain in good-standing with the organization, several tasks demonstrating the 4 ideals must be completed during their senior year.*

**Membership Expectations:**

- I. Leadership
  - a. All members are expected to actively participate in multiple activities at OTHS (in and out of the classroom) and in the community.
  - b. All members are expected to attend NHS meetings (attendance will be documented) and actively participate in the decision-making process and volunteer activities necessary to better the society.
- II. Character
  - a. All NHS members are expected to be positive representatives of OTHS and the community
  - b. All NHS members will follow the OTHS Code of Conduct.
  - c. Immediate removal from the society for the following violations:
    - i. School suspensions for major offenses (violence, alcohol/drug possession, etc.)
    - ii. School expulsions
    - iii. Level I or II Code of Conduct Violations
- III. Service
  - a. All NHS members will complete 15 hours of community service of their choosing.
- IV. Scholarship
  - a. All members of NHS will be required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or higher.
  - b. All members of NHS will strive to challenge themselves academically.

**Membership Requirements:**

The members of the National Honor Society must fulfill the following requirements to uphold their membership:

- I. Members must complete 15 hours of community service by April 1<sup>st</sup> of their senior year. These service hours must be independent of requirements or activities required of other organizations.
  - a. Please check the NHS webpage [oths.us](http://oths.us) under *activities* or the NHS Information Center bulletin board at the intersection of the 500 and 600 halls for more information.
  - b. Please sign up for Remind101 for alerts on volunteer opportunities and important reminders: see Mrs. Maxwell for the number to text

- II. Members must maintain a GPA of 3.500.
- a. At the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> semester, grades will be verified. Any student who has fallen below the 3.500 GPA will be put on academic probation. If the member fails to reinstate his/her 3.500 GPA by the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> semester, the student will be removed from the National Honor Society.
  - b. After the 7<sup>th</sup> academic semester, grades will be verified.
    - i. Students that fail to meet the 3.500 requirement who are on academic probation will be dismissed from the organization.
    - ii. Students that fail to meet the 3.500 requirement for the first time will be expected to earn a 3.5 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
    - iii. Any member inducted after the 7<sup>th</sup> semester will be required to earn a GPA of 3.500 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of that school year.

**Members in Good Standing:**

All members that successfully complete the membership requirements will be considered ***Members in Good Standing***. All members in Good Standing will earn the distinction of wearing the Honor Society Gold Stole at graduation. This symbolic stole recognizes the students for their commitment to scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

*Failure to comply with any of the above regulations will result in immediate dismissal from the National Honor Society.*