



## *National Honor Society:* **Obligations of Membership**

**Question:** What are the NHS obligations for all Heritage High School chapter members?

**Answer:** The National NHS Constitution and our chapter by-laws delineate 7 formal obligations of membership:

1. **Induction Ceremony:** All members must be inducted at a special inaugural ceremony to become active members of the chapter. A student remains in the condition of being a 'successfully selected candidate' until this ceremony is undertaken. To become a member, all selected candidates **must** attend this event:

**2015-2016 HHS National Honor Society  
Member Induction Ceremony  
Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 6:30PM  
HHS Theater  
*Refreshments will be served***

2. **Donation:** New NHS members donate \$15 to the HHS NHS chapter. In exchange, members will receive an HHS National Honor Society wearable.
3. **Maintaining Standards:** Once selected, all active members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected: Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character. Active members not maintaining these standards may be placed on NHS membership probation. If membership is revoked, a student may not be readmitted to the same NHS chapter.
4. **Meetings:** Our chapter holds required monthly General Membership meetings. In addition, chapter officers must meet for a monthly preparation meeting. A member may only miss a maximum of 4 hours before membership probation occurs possibly leads to dismissal. It is possible to make-up meeting credits.
5. **Collective Service Project:** All chapters are required to sponsor at least 1 collective chapter service project and all members are required to participate. Each year, members will determine the collective service project.
6. **Individual Service Project:** In addition to the collective chapter service project, individual members will engage in an independent service project according to their own talents and interests. Upon completion, members will create a poster project that will be displayed publically to promote community service.
7. **Additional Obligations:** It is beneficial for parents and students to understand that NHS membership requires a commitment of time. Each student should be actively working on an NHS Committee and participating in extra NHS events and activities. Additional information is highlighted in the Chapter Bylaws found on the Heritage High School website.