

To: Parents and Prospective Honor Society Members
From: William P. Clements High School Chapter of National Honor Society
Date: October 4, 2007
Subject: National Honor Society Selection

Congratulations!

We are currently in the initial stages of selecting new members for the 2007-2008 school year. This multi-step process follows the national guidelines, which must be strictly enforced.

Selection for membership in the National Honor Society is a **privilege**, not a right. Selection into NHS is a four-step process. Keep in mind that **scholarship** is only one criterion for becoming a member of NHS. In addition to having at least a **4.5 GPA**, the prospective member must also demonstrate **community service** by completing **ten (10) hours of community service from October 4 through November 6, 2007**. "Community service" is defined as unpaid public service for non-profit organizations in the Sugar Land or Houston area. These 10 required hours should not be for a parent or other relative, a CHS teacher, or a religious organization (unless the activity involves serving the broader community, e.g., building a house or serving meals to the elderly through your religious organization, but NOT teaching Sunday school or putting together worship materials). Donating clothing or other items, collecting newspapers, and babysitting cannot count toward these hours. No more than 5 hours may be served at any one place. Be aware that completion of these 10 service hours **does not** guarantee acceptance into the NHS.

In addition to listing the 10 required hours of community service that must be performed within the specified period of time, the NHS application will ask you to list all other community service that you have completed during your high school years. Be sure that all your past community service is accurately explained and documented by approved signatures in the application or by a YES printout for any hours that you have documented through that program. If using a YES printout for documentation, request it in plenty of time to meet the application deadline.

Character and leadership constitute the final two criteria for membership. Principals, teachers, and counselors will provide input regarding your character. On your Membership Application you will list and explain ways in which you have demonstrated leadership during your high school years.

Please return this letter, signed and dated by both parent and student, to Room 2320 before or after school by Tuesday, October 9, 2007. Fill out the forms neatly and carefully; taking the time to complete the forms neatly and thoroughly demonstrates your interest in being a NHS member. The Membership Application (a four-page form) is due in Room 2320 no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2007.

The Faculty Advisory Committee will then consider for membership the candidates who complete the required forms. Based upon the decision of the Faculty Advisory Committee, the list of new NHS inductees will be posted in December, with formal induction to be held in January.

I have read the above material on the Clements Chapter's selection process, and I understand the process.

Student's name: _____

Grade: _____

Student's signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____