

National Honor Society

Member Obligations



Obligations of NHS Membership

The National Constitution delineates seven (7) formal obligations of membership. The first obligation is as much a duty of the chapter as it is a member obligation. All members must be inducted at a special ceremony to become active members of the chapter.

Dues: Members are asked to pay an annual due of \$15.

Maintaining standards: Once selected, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected. The implication here is that members are well informed concerning what those selection standards were as published in the description of the local selection process. Chapter advisers are charged with monitoring all members for compliance in this area.

Meetings: The Crosstimbers Academy chapter will hold bi-monthly meetings. Chapter officers should work closely with the adviser to see that the agendas for all meetings are well thought out and planned for.

Chapter Service Project(s): All chapters are required to sponsor a chapter service project and all members are required to participate. This project is to be chosen by the officers with approval from the adviser.

Individual Service Projects(s): In addition to the chapter service project noted above, members are to engage in additional service according to their own talents and interests. The quantity of this service and the degree to which the chapter monitors this activity is defined in the chapter bylaws.

Additional Obligations: If additional obligations exist for members of the chapter, such obligations should be spelled out in the *Chapter Bylaws* for all members to see. It is recommended that a set of these bylaws be presented to each member yearly as a reminder of these and all member obligations. Efforts to inform parents of these obligations should also be undertaken on a regular basis.

It is also beneficial for parents to understand the commitment of time and energy required once their student becomes a member of the chapter. Many chapters outline all member obligations and include such a list either in the candidate's packet of information or in a new member packet and then request (or require) that the student and parent/guardian sign the form affirming their understanding of the nature of all member obligations.