

Blair-Taylor National Honor Society

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Membership

Membership in this chapter shall be based upon scholarship, leadership, character and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities (see Code of Conduct). Membership is divided into two categories: active or graduate. Active members shall become graduate members at graduation. To be eligible for election to membership in this chapter, students must have been in attendance for a period equivalent to one semester in this school. Transfer members from another school must be automatically accepted into the NHS chapter of Blair-Taylor High School. If different from their former school, transfer members must meet this chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

NHS is more than just an honor roll. The NHS chapter establishes rules for membership that are based upon a student's outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These four criteria for selection form the foundation upon which the organization and its activities are built.

- **Scholarship:** "Students who have a cumulative grade point average of 85 percent, B, 3.33 (on a 4.0 scale) or equivalent standard of excellence, or a higher cumulative average, set by the local school's faculty council meet the scholarship requirement for membership. These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, and character."(NHS Constitution, Article IX, section 2)

- **Service:** This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.

- **Leadership:** Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activity while working with or for others.

- **Character:** The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern and respect for others and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.

Procedures for the Nomination and Selection of Members

The selection procedure should be determined by the Faculty Advisory Council and must be published.

1. Students who are sophomores, juniors or seniors are eligible for selection.
2. Academic records of students who are grade eligible will be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility. Scholastic eligibility is defined as a 3.33 GPA on a 4.00 scale.
3. Students who are eligible scholastically will be notified, and told that for further consideration for selection to the NHS Chapter, they must complete and submit the Student Activity Information Form.

4. All Blair-Taylor High School faculty members are then invited to evaluate the eligible students in the areas of leadership and character by rating each eligible student in each area on a scale of “1” to “10” with “10” being very superior. All teachers’ ratings will be averaged for each quality.
5. The Faculty Advisory Council will then review the Student Activity Information Form, the teacher evaluations, and any other verifiable information about each candidate.
6. Students who receive a majority vote of the Faculty Advisory Committee will be invited to be inducted into the chapter.
7. Students who are selected, and their parents, will be notified of their selection and given information regarding the upcoming induction ceremony and the obligations of membership in the NHS.

Discipline and Dismissal

1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be dismissed from the Blair-Taylor High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community.
2. If a member’s cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected, 3.33 on a 4.0 scale, he/she will be given a written warning and one semester to bring the grade point average back to 3.33 or higher. If the cumulative grade point average remains below standard at the end of the semester, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Advisory Council that could include dismissal from the chapter.
3. Violation of the law or school regulations can result in dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to DWI, stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy, or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
4. Students who do not comply with regulations in the Blair-Taylor High School Student Handbook, such as use of profanity, unexcused absence, excessive tardiness, noncompliance with the dress code, etc., will receive written notification. A conference may be requested by the Faculty Advisory Council, the student or the parents to discuss the warning. If the student is involved in further violations of the handbook, he/she may be dismissed. Also, situations that involve flagrant violations of school rules or the law can warrant disciplinary action without a written warning; although, a hearing must still be held. (See below)
5. In all cases of impending dismissal:
 - a. The member will receive written notification from the advisor and Faculty Advisory Council indicating the reason for possible dismissal. The member and advisor will discuss the written notification in a conference.
 - b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge against him/her at a hearing before the Faculty Advisory Council prior to the vote on dismissal (in accordance with the due process identified in Article X of the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense either in person or in writing. The Faculty Advisory Council is needed to dismiss any member.
 - c. The results of the Faculty Advisory Council vote will be reviewed by the principal, and then if confirmed, expressed in a letter sent to the student and parents. Dismissed members must surrender membership emblems to the advisor.
 - d. The Faculty Advisory Council’s decision may be appealed to the building principal and afterwards through the school district discipline policy.
 - e. A student who is dismissed or resigns is no longer a member and may never again be considered for membership in National Honor Society.

Duties and Responsibilities

Members

Members are to maintain the standards by which they were selected. In addition, members are expected to attend meetings if called for, and to perform both individual and chapter service projects during the year. The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year. These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible, and be well planned, organized and executed. All members are required to participate in these projects.

Each member must also participate in a minimum of 15 individual community service hours yearly, which reflect his/her particular talents and interests and is approved by the chapter advisor. A year begins June 1st and runs through the end of the following school year. Hours cannot be banked from one year to be used the next.

Chapter Officers

The **president** will help to oversee, direct, organize and represent the chapter. The president may call meetings and help direct the induction ceremony.

The **vice-president** will act in the president's absence and perform specific duties delegated by the president. He or she will also help direct the induction ceremony.

The **secretary** will take minutes and keep attendance records. A copy of the minutes will be posted on the organization's bulletin board and given to the chapter advisor. The secretary may help conduct correspondences, such as induction invitations.

**Linked below you will find the NHS application that students will complete in the fall*

[NHS Application](#)