**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBER CONTRACT**

1. **National Honor Society Pledge**

I pledge myself always to seek the light of truth,

to hold scholarly habits,

to engage in worthy service,

and to lead forward in all things

that shall advance the welfare of the school

1. **Member Characteristics Defined**
   1. Scholarship
      1. The student who possesses scholarship “will maintain a cumulative GPA of 11.70 or above.
   2. Leadership—The student who exercises leadership:
      1. Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
      2. Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals
      3. Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
      4. Is able to delegate responsibilities
      5. Exemplifies positive attitudes
      6. Inspires positive behavior in others
      7. Demonstrates academic initiative
      8. Is a leader in the classroom, at work, and in other school or community activities
      9. Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted
   3. Character—The student who exhibits character:
      1. Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
      2. Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)
      3. Upholds principles of morality and ethics
      4. Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
      5. Regularly shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
      6. Observes instructions and rules, is punctual and faithful both inside and outside the classroom
      7. Has powers of concentration, self-discipline, and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies
      8. Actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment

4. Service—The student who serves:

i. Volunteers and provides dependable and well-organized assistance

ii. Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult responsibilities

iii. Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school

iv. Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic

competition

v. Does committee and staff work without complaint

vi. Participates in a community activity outside of school

vii. Mentors persons in the community or students at other schools

viii. Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

1. **NHS Required Activities:** 
   1. All meetings will be held by sponsor at locations TBA
      1. Additional meetings will be held for election, scholarship opportunity, and community service
      2. Absences will be excused with proper documentation.
      3. Student can miss no more than two meetings without proper documentations
   2. Fall and Spring Induction
   3. Spring NHS Banquet
   4. Each member will need 50 hours of community service each year
      1. Members must get prior approval from NHS sponsors before participating in service.
      2. All hours must be completed before MARCH 1, 2018.
      3. At least 10 hours must be NHS sponsored hours

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBER CONTRACT DEFINED**

1. Introduction—These rules have been adopted for the following reasons:
2. To promote a positive image of National Honor Society members.
3. To help students avoid the negative effects of chemical abuse.
4. To ensure the safety of all members.
5. To encourage a lifestyle that is both healthy and motivated by long-term goals that lead to success.
6. To encourage members to obey the law.
7. TO LEAD, BY EXAMPLE, THE STUDENT BODY OF HHHS TO STRONG MORAL CHARACTER.

II. Rules—The following items are prohibited and may result in the immediate

termination of membership:

* 1. ALCOHOL
  2. DRUGS
  3. TOBACCO USE
  4. CHEATING
  5. Any action detrimental to the image of Harker Heights High School or to the National Honor Society will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from National Honor Society.
  6. A member is in violation of rules 1 & 2 if he or she is participating in use of or in attendance where drugs or alcohol are being used. The only exception to this rule is if the student is at home or at a function with his or her parents where alcohol is present.

1. Scholarship:
2. There will be a review each semester of every member’s cumulative GPA. Students failing below the required scholarship average will have one semester to bring their GPA back up. Failure to do so will result in dismissal. \*NOTE Candidates eligible for election to this chapter shall have a cumulative GPA of 11.70.
3. Attendance:
4. Member will be in attendance for ALL National Honor Society events, including meetings, induction ceremonies, and banquet and any other required National Honor Society event.
5. Absences must be excused with proper documentation and submitted prior to the event, unless there are extenuating circumstances.
6. After 2 unexcused absences from meetings, the student will be put on probation. The 3rd unexcused absence will result in dismissal from National Honor Society.
7. After an unexcused absence from an induction or the banquet, the student will be put on probation. If the student acquires another probationary offense, the student will be dismissed from National Honor Society.
8. Probation—Students will be notified of the terms of their probation when placed on probation and will be required to fulfill those terms before being reinstated at the end of the semester. You may be placed on probation if any of the following things occur:
9. Your cumulative GPA drops below a 11.70
10. Failure to report or complete community service hours by the required date
11. Failure to turn in required paperwork by the required date
12. Having two unexcused absences from meetings
13. Having an unexcused absence from the induction
14. Having an unexcused absence from the banquet
15. Violation of any terms of this contract
16. Dismissal—You could be dismissed for any of the following reasons:
17. Your cumulative GPA drops below a 11.70
18. Cheating
19. Any disciplinary action which results in action by the administration
20. Any action which results in your arrest and prosecution by civil authorities
21. Upon qualifying for a “second” probation in the same semester
22. Having more than two unexcused absences from meetings
23. Not paying dues by the required due date
24. Having an unexcused absence from the induction
25. Having an unexcused absence from the banquet
26. Violation of any terms of this contract
27. Community Service Hours
28. You may begin collecting community service hours now. Remember hours are due MARCH 1, 2018 by 4:15 p.m. Forms should be given to Mrs. Waller in room 2311.
29. Spring inductees are required to complete 50 volunteer hours; 10, of which, must be NHS sponsored hours.
30. Fall inductees are required to complete 35 volunteer hours; 10, of which, must be NHS sponsored hours.

1. Application
2. Students who do either of the following more than once will not be allowed to apply again:
   1. Are selected but do not submit the application by the required date.
   2. Decline the application or invitation.
3. Acknowledgement

As a member of National Honor Society, I promise to not only adhere to the guidelines listed herein, but to all school and civil law. By signing, I realize that any offense of the rules will result in investigation by a Faculty Council, whereupon the Council will determine whether or not I am to be dismissed from National Honor Society. I also understand that once I have been dismissed, I will never again be eligible for membership in National Honor Society. In addition, I will not be able to be eligible for a National Honor Society Scholarship. I will not retain my membership nor will I be a part of National Honor Society during any graduation ceremonies.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*I have read through the Harker Heights National Honor Society Membership Packet and understand that I shall adhere to the aforementioned obligations, requirements, and rules.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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