

**BYLAWS TO THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
SALADO HIGH SCHOOL**

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership in this chapter is limited to the sophomore, junior, or senior class.
- Section 2. To be eligible for election to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period equivalent to one semester in this school.
- Section 3. Membership is based on scholarship, leadership, service and character. Students who wish to attain membership status must meet the requirements outlined in the following four sections. Documentation verifying that the following standards have been met must be provided in a portfolio by the student.
- Section 4. **SCHOLARSHIP** Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must have a weighted average of 95 in the four core content areas: English, science, math and social studies.
- Section 5. **LEADERSHIP** Candidates for membership in NHS must be an active member of two (2) or more school activities or organizations for one or more semesters preceding application to NHS. Activities may include, but are not limited to band, UIL, choir, Spanish club, science club, FFA, FHA, One Act Play, athletics, cheerleader or strutters.
- OR**
- Be a member of Student Council or an officer/captain of any school sponsored organization.
- Section 6. **SERVICE** Service is required for initial entry and continued enrollment in NHS. Service is defined as volunteer service in the church, school, or community. Service does not include anything for which payment is received or work whereby the parent or guardian is the supervisor. A supervisor's signature is required for verification of service experience.
- Section 7. **CHARACTER** Candidates for membership must present two letters of recommendation attesting to good character and must receive three votes from a five-member faculty council.

Exactly one of the letters must be from a teacher. Letters from relatives or peers will not be accepted.

- Section 8. The selection of members of National Honor Society shall be by a faculty council. The faculty council shall consist of five voting members appointed annually by the principal. The faculty advisor shall be a non-voting sixth member.
- Section 9. A NHS member must maintain the standards for membership in order to retain his/her membership.
- Section 10. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter, upon receipt of membership acknowledgement from the previous school's principal.

ARTLCLE II - OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers of this chapter shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and reporter.
- Section 2. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.
- Section 3. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of this chapter and to supervise the executive committee.
- Section 4. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president at all chapter meetings.
- Section 5. The chapter secretary shall maintain a record of attendance at all the meetings.
- Section 6. The treasurer shall receive all funds of the chapter and keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations.
- Section 7. The reporter shall have charge of all publicity concerning this organization.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

- Section 1. The meetings of the chapter shall be held monthly on a day chosen by the executive committee.
- Section 2. A drawing for a free service hour may be held during the regular meeting of the membership.
- Section 3. Members are required to attend each monthly meeting. If a member fails to attend three meetings in a row, an hour is added to the member's service project requirements.

- Section 4. The executive committee shall develop one or more service projects per year.
- Section 5. All members shall regularly participate in the chapter's service projects. To be eligible to wear the NHS collar at graduation, service hours must be up-to-date. Service project hours must be completed by May 1st of the member's graduation year. Members who were inducted during their sophomore year must have completed 24 hours of service. Members who were inducted during their junior year must have completed 12 hours of service. Members who were inducted during their senior year must have completed 6 hours of service project hours.

ARTICLE IV - DISMISSAL

- Section 1. A National Honor Society member must maintain the established standards and requirements for membership in order to retain his membership. Any member who fails to maintain the standards and/or requirements shall receive a letter of warning. A member is allowed only one warning. The faculty council shall pass upon each case.
- Section 2. If a member's cumulative grade point falls below the 95 weighted standard, he/she shall have one semester to bring the grade up. A member will never again be given a warning period for grades. If the grade point again falls below the standard, he/she may be dismissed.
- Section 3. Violation of the Student Code of Conduct or the Extra-Curricular Policy may be grounds for dismissal.
- Section 4. Once a member is dismissed from the NHS, he/she will never again be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1. An executive committee will consist of the officers, and members who signed up for an office and were not elected.
- Section 2. The executive committee will decide chapter fundraisers and service projects and will be responsible for carrying them out.

ARTICLE VI – SCHOLARSHIPS

- Section 1. Any senior member who would like to apply for the scholarship awarded by the national organization shall submit a written paper describing his/her accomplishments, offices held and participation in activities, both in school and the community.
- Section 2. The chapter Faculty Council may select a senior each year to receive a scholarship from the chapter funds if available.

ARTICLE VII – DUES

- Section 1. The annual dues for each member will be subject to the approval of the executive committee of the chapter.
- Section 2. Dues must be paid to be in good standing with the school.
- Section 3. Dues for seniors must be paid by May 1 to be eligible to be in good standing. A member must be in good standing to wear the NHS collar at graduation.