

Odem Chapter of the National Honor Society Odem High School Odem, Texas

March 1, 2015

Dear NHS Candidate,

Congratulations on being chosen for possible NHS membership. If selected you will be joining a very prestigious organization. According to our constitution, the purpose of the National Honor Society is to "create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of Odem High School."

Be advised that acceptance into NHS membership is not a destination, but only a beginning. If you are selected, you will be expected to continually live up to all the requirements of an NHS membership. (You will receive an official NHS Handbook upon your acceptance.)

Some information about membership that you need to be aware of includes:

- Dues (\$20.00) are to be paid before the induction ceremony, but paying dues alone does not make you an active member and will not automatically authorize you to wear the NHS stole at graduation.
- Attendance at meetings is required along with participation in all group projects a total of 5 hours per semester.
- Each member is required to complete an Individual Service Project during each year of membership. Projects are due by the end of March. (New senior inductees are also required to complete this requirement the year they are inducted.)

Attached is the **Student Activity Information Form and Teacher Recommendation Forms**. These forms needs to be completed and returned to me by the end of the school day <u>Tuesday, March 3</u>, <u>2015</u>. Teachers will turn in their recommendations directly to me. Failure to turn in all paperwork and/or incomplete paperwork will end your consideration.

If you have any questions, please fill free to contact me (high school library).

Sincerely,

Ms. Serrano NHS Adviser

ODEM CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Student Activity Form March 2015

Directions: Please read <u>all</u> directions carefully and complete <u>all</u> sections. Type or print all information <u>legibly</u> using <u>black or dark blue</u> ink. The form must be submitted by <u>**Tuesday**</u>, <u>**March 3**</u>, <u>**2015**</u>. Do not be late. The form will NOT be accepted after 4:00 on March 3, <u>2015</u>. This information along with the teacher recommendations will assist the Faculty Council to assist with the fair consideration of your candidacy.

Completion of this form <u>does not</u> guarantee selection. Please **DO NOT** repeat activities for different parts of the form! Be aware that some parts of the form require signatures! Should you have questions, please contact NHS Adviser, Ms. Serrano (hs library).

NAME (printed): _____

GRADE: _____

- I. <u>Scholarship</u>: Students must have an 88 or above average to qualify as a candidate for the National Honor Society. The member must then maintain this average while in the National Honor Society or be subject to dismissal.
- **II.** <u>Character</u>: A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship. A candidate should demonstrate an outstanding record of conduct and behavior with regard to school and community rules. Administrative and counseling records may be used in this determination.
- **III.** <u>Leadership</u>: List all elected or appointed leadership positions or other positions of responsibility held in school, community, or work activities. Only those positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. For example, elected student body officer, class or club officer; committee chairperson; team captain (if it entailed leadership responsibility); section leader in band; newspaper editor; work area manager; or other community leader. Check all grade levels that apply. Please include the name of the adult responsible for supervising your leadership in each position. If more room is needed, please use back.

9	10	11	12	Leadership Position	Activity or Organization	Name of Adult Supervisor

IV. <u>School Activities, Recognition/Awards</u>: List all school-based activities in which you have participated in school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and any major accomplishments in each. Check all grade levels that apply. If more room is needed, please use the back of the form.

9	10	11	12	Activity	Accomplishment(s) and Awards (if any)

V. <u>Service Activities</u>: List service activities in which you have participated. These can be individual or group service projects done either in or out of school. Generally speaking, service activities are those that are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given. Check all grade levels that apply. <u>Please ask an adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each activity to sign on the appropriate line</u>, and also list the estimated number of hours you invested while performing this service. The number of hours may be for one day or on a weekly or monthly basis for a certain length of time (2 hr/day for 10 days). If more room is needed, please use back.

9	10	11	12	Activity	Hours of Service	Signature of Adult Supervisor

VI. <u>Community Activities, Recognition/Awards</u>: List other community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishments or awards in each. These should be any activities <u>outside of school</u> in which you participated for the betterment of your community. For example: religious groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, community art endeavors, etc. Do not repeat participation already listed above. Check all grade levels that apply. Please include the name of the Adult supervisor of each activity. If more room is needed, please use back.

9	10	11	12	Community Activity	Accomplishments/Award	Name of Adult Supervisor

VII. <u>Work Experience</u>: Though not a specific criterion for membership, please list below any job experiences, honors, or recognition that you have received that support your candidacy for membership in the Honor Society. Work experience may be paid or volunteer. Check all grade levels that apply. If more room is needed, please use back.

9	10	11	12	Job/ Activity	Group or Activity	Number of Hours Spent on Job or Activity	Name of Adult Supervisor

VIII. Signatures

I understand that completing this form does not guarantee selection to the Honor Society. I attest that the information presented here is complete and accurate. If selected, I agree to abide by the standards and guidelines of the chapter and to fulfill all of my membership obligations, as stated in the membership documents I received, to the best of my ability.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

I have read the information provided by my son/daughter on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete. I have also read the other documents received and agree with the terms of membership.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____