

October 1, 2020

Congratulations! You are being considered for membership in the J.M. Whitaker Jefferson/Silva High School Chapter of National Honor Society due your excellent G.P.A. of 90 or higher. However, membership is not based on grades alone. Potential members are evaluated by the five-member faculty council on the criteria of scholarship, leadership, service, and character as stipulated by National Honor Society.

Your G.P.A. makes you eligible to fill out an NHS survey packet. Nevertheless, completion of this packet does not guarantee selection. All complete packets will give the council the necessary information about the potential member's leadership ability, service and character. Members chosen by the faculty council will be inducted into the J.M. Whitaker Jefferson/Silva High School Chapter of National Honor Society in a formal induction in May.

Prerequisites and selection process:

- ❖ Eligible candidates must have a cumulative GPA of 85.0.
- ❖ Opened to qualified juniors and seniors.
- ❖ Students must have attended Jefferson/Silva the equivalent of one complete semester.
- ❖ Normally, students must already have **completed 15 school and 25 community service hours (between 12/19/19-5/28/20); however, because of the current restrictions in place those hours or the lack thereof may be substituted with a brief essay detailing why the candidate wishes to join the JM Whitaker Chapter of the National Honor Society.**
- ❖ Download the Student Survey/Application, complete it, and submit the **typed** Student Survey/Application **by the deadline for further consideration.** NO LATE SURVEYS WILL BE ACCEPTED/CONSIDERED.
- ❖ **Evaluation** of the candidates' performance in the areas of leadership, service and **character (in the classroom) will be done by the faculty.**
- ❖ The Faculty Council shall review the Student Survey/Application and the **faculty evaluations** on the individual students before a vote on membership is taken. The Faculty Council will consider the following:
 - **Community and School Service hours:** A minimum of **15 school hours** and **25 community hours** beginning December 19, 2019 through May 28, 2020 (and/or the essay).
 - **Attendance:** Students, please obtain the **ATP38 Attendance Report** from the attendance office and attach this report. Please obtain this report in a timely manner in order to verify attendance accuracy. Unexcused absences/more than 5 absences in the fall semester and excessive tardiness may result in the candidate not being considered for membership. **Because of the current situation we are in, a screen shot of the applicant's EPISD attendance roster for the current semester will be accepted in place of the ATP38 Report.**
 - **Discipline referrals:** The NHS advisor will obtain this information. If you have had a disciplinary referral during the current school year, it might preclude your consideration for acceptance.
 - **Four faculty endorsements:** From most **current** math, science, English and elective teachers.

- ❖ **The final selection of members shall be by the majority vote of the Faculty Council consisting of five teachers appointed by the principal.** The chapter advisor shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Faculty Council. **The NHS Faculty Council meets and reviews the teachers' input and the students' survey packets.** Candidates are subsequently approved or disapproved. All decisions are derived in an objective fashion. Students selected by the Faculty Council are those **who demonstrate outstanding performance in all four criteria** of scholarship, leadership, service and character.
- ❖ **NHS Faculty Council decisions are final.** There is no right to membership. It is a privilege bestowed upon a student by the faculty of the school.

Please return to Mr. Keich no later than Wednesday, October 14 by 4:00 pm.

NO LATE SURVEYS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS.

In addition, here is a check list of the items that must be turned in. Everything, especially the appropriate signatures, must be **complete in order for the packet to be considered.**

___ **Typed Student Survey Packet/Application**

___ Recent individual picture

___ Signatures verifying that you have **completed 15 school and 25 community service hours (or candidate's essay in lieu of hours).**

___ **Five faculty endorsements** from your most current math, science, and English teachers.

___ **ATP38 Attendance Report**

PLEASE BE VIGILANT OF ACCEPTANCE LETTERS ON

Again, congratulations, and feel free to contact Mr. Keich if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin D. Keich
Jefferson/Silva NHS Advisor