



## Stephen Heard Chapter of the National Honor Society Obligations of Membership Guide

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The National Honor Society (NHS) is more than just an honor roll. The NHS and the Stephen Heard Chapter establish rules and obligations of membership that are based upon a student's outstanding performance in the areas of: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These criteria form the foundation upon which the organization and its activities are built.

**Scholarship:** Members must maintain an unrounded cumulative grade point average of ninety-three and unrounded course averages of eight-five.

**Service:** Members must complete 10 or more hours of individual service to one or more individual service projects and 10 or more hours of service to service projects or activities adopted by the chapter. Members must document these projects and activities.

**Leadership:** Members are encouraged to seek opportunities for leadership. Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of Heard County High School's activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

**Character:** Members of good character uphold principles of morality and ethics while demonstrating loyalty to school and chapter. They demonstrate high standards of honesty and reliability, are cooperative and show courtesy, concern, and respect for others. Additionally, they strive to engender these qualities in others.

**Behavior:** Members are required to adhere to the *Student Code of Conduct* and provisions in the *Student Handbook*.

**Meetings:** Members are expected to attend and participate in chapter meetings. Members are encouraged to practice democratic principles in the conduct of chapter meetings.

**Knowledge:** Members are expected to read correspondence and the documents governing the conduct of the chapter.

**Dues:** Members are expected to pay chapter dues to the adviser within fifteen days of formal induction into membership.

**Graduation:** Members in good standing are encouraged to purchase and wear the honor cord bearing the official emblem of the National Honor Society.