

## **Eligibility Requirements for Membership in Hillcrest Christian School's Chapter of the National Honor Society**

From the Constitution of The National Honor Society (revised July 2008): **“The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools.... Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a Faculty Council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.”**

At the end of each school year, the Honor Society sponsor will calculate overall averages for students in grades 8 through 11. The only subjects counting toward eligibility are the 4 major subjects (English, history, math and social studies) and Bible class; students who have a 90 or better overall academic average will be considered for membership. Furthermore, candidates must have been in attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester.

We do not maintain a junior high chapter; therefore, upcoming seventh graders and eighth graders are not qualified for membership. This decision was made due to the fact that they have not yet had the opportunity to join clubs or to hold leadership positions to meet the requirements.

Those students will then be given an Activity Information form at the beginning of the next school year which must be accurately filled out and returned to the sponsor by the required date. **NO STUDENT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP WHO DOES NOT TURN IN HIS OR HER FORM BY THE DUE DATE.** Personal responsibility is taken into consideration as a condition for membership. Likewise, a student's asking for another form, or not following directions, will be noted and will reflect negatively on consideration for his or her eligibility.

Students must have the recommendation of at least two faculty members. Faculty will be asked to evaluate, based on service, leadership, and character, whether or not students should be considered for membership.

**Service:** This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.

**Leadership:** Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school 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:** The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.

Once all forms have been reviewed by the sponsor and approved by the administration, students will be notified by letter if they have been accepted for membership.

All candidates will sign a regulations sheet, which details requirements to maintain membership status and must also be signed by their parent or guardian and then returned by the date due. Candidates must then participate in an induction ceremony in order to become members of Honor Society.

Each member will be required to pay a small fee so that the Hillcrest Christian School chapter may continue to be part of the National Honor Society. Hillcrest does not maintain membership in the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) Honor Society.

