

### **Important Information for new NHS members**

Congratulations on becoming a part of Taylor High School's National Honor Society. While your scholarship, leadership, and character earned you a place in this esteemed organization, it is service to your school and local community that is necessary to maintain your membership. In order to provide equal opportunities to a varied membership, the following are the requirements for service:

- Sign up for a [www.x2VOL.com](http://www.x2VOL.com) account. Go to <http://jetaylornhs.weebly.com>, click on Menu, x2VOL, x2VOL Account. Read all directions very carefully.
- Sign up on the NHS Remind account by texting this number 81010 OR (832)463-5615 with this message @taylorn as it is one of our main forms of communication (the email option is on the NHS website).
- 25 hours per school year (10 hours by first day of the second semester, 15 hours by Spring Break, 25 hours by May)
- Service opportunities **must** be open to all NHS members and posted on x2VOL. Other opportunities must be approved by Ms. Fader.
- A member can submit a service opportunity to the advisor or president; once the opportunity is approved it will be sent out to the rest of the club.
- Members must wear their official NHS shirt to a volunteer opportunity unless otherwise noted.
- If a member signs up for a service opportunity and fails to show up, an hour will be deducted from the member's service record (extenuating circumstances-illness, injury, etc. are excused if you provide documentation to Ms. Fader within a week).
- Attend monthly meetings. An hour will be deducted from the member's service record if more than one meeting is missed per semester (extenuating circumstances-illness, injury, etc. are excused if you provide documentation to Ms. Fader within a week).
- Members may earn a max of 10 hours in the summer 2019. They must be verified by the adult sponsor of the event by the 1st day of school to be counted towards their NHS hours for the school year.

Members are responsible for keeping track of their own service hours on [www.x2VOL.com](http://www.x2VOL.com). The organizations/groups that request help from our members will have sign-in sheets at their events, so make sure to sign in and out. **You will need the email address of the adult sponsor in charge of each event to properly record and get credit on x2VOL.** Members can track their hours on their x2VOL account. They should also check to see if any hours have been deducted from their service record by going to <http://jetaylornhs.weebly.com>, Menu, and Required Hours. Members should submit their hours within a week of volunteering and follow up with the adult sponsor if need be. Hours **MUST** be submitted within the same six week grading period that they were completed. This prevents a backlog of service entries pending approval. Any hours submitted outside of the six weeks during which the hours were performed will **NOT** be approved. Make sure your volunteer hours are verified by the adult sponsor before the end of the six week grading period; they will be approved by Ms. Fader to be accepted as NHS volunteer hours at the end of each six week grading period.

Membership in NHS requires responsibility. You, as the student, have full responsibility of your NHS membership. Each member is responsible for the following:

- Completing service requirements
  - Show up to service opportunities and record them on x2VOL with the adult sponsor's email address
  - Keep track of how many hours have been completed and how many are still needed
- Attending all NHS meetings
  - Meetings are usually held in the main campus LGI on the first Tuesday and first Thursday of each month starting in September. There are meetings in the mornings and afternoons on each day. You only need to attend one meeting out of the four available times each month.
  - Members should wear their NHS shirt on meeting days.
- Asking questions
  - These need to come from the student member, not the parent of the student member.

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A few additional items:

- 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING INFORMATION AND OFFICER ELECTIONS
  - New members need to attend the informational meetings on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The morning meetings will be held in Ms. Fader's room (9126) at 7:05, and the afternoon meetings will be held in the main campus LGI at 2:45pm (you only need to attend one).
  - If you are interested in becoming an NHS officer, applications can be picked up during the meeting, at Ms. Fader's room 9126, or on <http://jetaylornhs.weebly.com>. There will be a Potential Officer Meeting on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in room 9126 after school. Officers must be able to be in the 7<sup>th</sup> period study hall next school year. The officer application is due Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. All candidates will be interviewed. Elections will be held Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> (7:10am at Ms. Fader's room 9126 and 2:45pm in the main campus LGI). Potential officers must attend both election meetings.
    - Offices available: Junior Secretary, Historian, Treasurer, Chief of Committees (more info on <http://jetaylornhs.weebly.com>)
- INDUCTION
  - The induction ceremony for NHS is a formal ceremony. Young men should wear dress pants and a dress shirt (ties are optional but recommended). Shirts should be tucked in and dress shoes worn. Young ladies should wear an appropriate length dress or dress pants and top. Please no strapless or spaghetti strap dresses without a sweater/cardigan. No rubber, plastic, or casual flip flops.
  - A mandatory rehearsal for the induction ceremony will take place **Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:45-4pm** in the PAC. Please be on time.
  - For the actual induction, please gather in the **hallway outside of the music rooms no later than 6pm on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. You will need to check in with the NHS member in charge of your section.
- NHS STUDY HALL: If you are interested in becoming a member of the NHS study hall next year, please let Ms. Fader know ASAP. NHS study hall members must be ready to do tasks during 7<sup>th</sup> period such as: delivering items/passes/notices, helping teachers/staff with miscellaneous tasks, making signs, recycling if necessary, etc.

**\*\*\*Remember the Induction Ceremony on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>—you will need to be in the hallway by the music rooms no later than 6pm.**