

Smiths Station High School Science National Honor Society

Chapter by-laws

Purpose

“The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage participation in and recognition of scientific and intellectual thought. It is to advance the students’ knowledge of classical and modern science, to communicate with the scientific community, and to aid the civic community with its comprehension of science. It is to encourage students to participate in community service and, in turn, encourage a dedication to the pursuit of scientific knowledge that benefits all mankind.”

Membership

- Annual membership dues are \$15.00. These dues will purchase a t-shirt and to cover our annual chapter membership to the Science National Honor Society (SNHS). For seniors who fulfill the requirements, your dues should cover the purchase of an honor cord. Stoles can be purchased, but will require a separate payment.
- Membership is an honor bestowed upon a student.
- Only Junior and Seniors can be members.
- A member must currently be enrolled in at least one science class
- Grades:
 - A member must have and maintain an overall 3.0 grade point average.
 - A member must maintain an 85 or higher cumulative average in the science course.
 - **Exception: If a member is enrolled in AP Biology, AP Chemistry, Physics, or Honors Earth and Space science then they are only required to maintain an 80 or higher cumulative average in the science course.**
 - Grades will be checked at the end of each nine weeks.
 - Any member who does not maintain these guidelines will be placed on probation for the interim of one grading period. If the member does not meet this standard, the student will be dropped from membership.
- A member must follow Smiths Station High School and Lee County Board of Education behavior guidelines. Failure to do so can result in dismissal from the honor society.
- Becoming a member:
 - Fill out an application form yearly
 - Students must turn in an unofficial transcript with their application form
 - Two teacher recommendations:
 - One must be a science teacher at SSSHS
 - The other can be from a teacher of their choosing

Meetings and Activities

- Members must attend one chapter officer’s lecture per year.
- A minimum of four meetings will be held during the school year.
 - Members may miss one meeting per school year.

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- Students may substitute a missed meeting with an off campus science lecture. This must be approved prior to the event.
- At least one project will be completed. “The purpose of the project shall be to encourage scientific and intellectual thought, to further the knowledge of science in school and community, and to volunteer in the surrounding community.”
- Members will help with the science fair. This will count towards your required hours of service. More details will be given out as time approaches.
- Members must complete four hours of service per school year to keep their membership. Service hours can include tutoring other students in science classes, helping other science teachers with lab before and after school, or volunteering with a science-related activity. Service hours for the Science National Honor Society cannot be combined with hours for another organization. You also cannot receive another incentive, such as money or grades, for your service hours.

Officers

- The officers of the chapter will be elected by fellow members
- “The chapter shall consist of the following officers: a president, a vice president, a treasurer, a secretary, and a public relations officer. All must be members of Science National Honor Society.”
- Duties:
 - President: Preside over all the meetings of this chapter
 - Vice-president: Fill the role of the president in his/her absence
 - Treasurer: Work with the chapter advisor in handling the money, ordering of t-shirts and honor cords
 - Secretary: Keep the minutes of the meetings. Keep all records.
 - Public Relations Officer: Publicizing the events of the chapter and keeping members informed.
- All officers will be required to help the chapter advisor with the annual report.
- “Chapter officers are obligated to the duty of presenting two brief scientific lectures annually. The lecture shall be ten to fifteen minutes in length and are given during a regular chapter meeting or in a special ceremony. The lecture may be based on any scientific idea, past, present, or future. It may take the form of a report on a certain subject.”
- “Chapter officers shall fulfill all duties named in the National Honor Society constitution and the local chapter bylaws. The officers shall abide by the Constitution, the SNHS standards, obligations, and ideals.”

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