



## **Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica**

**Creekside High School  
100 Knights Lane  
St. Johns, FL 32259**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Because of your high standing in Spanish class, your teacher has nominated you to join the Creekside High School Chapter of the National Hispanic Honor Society. The Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (SHH) is an honor society for high school students enrolled in Spanish and Portuguese and is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Formally organized as the Spanish National Honor Society in 1953, the name was changed in 1959. At present there are over 1,700 national and international chapters.

The purpose of the society is to recognize high achievement of high school students in the Spanish and Portuguese languages and to promote a continuing interest in Hispanic and Portuguese studies.

### Why join HHS?

1. Looks very good on a college application;
2. Scholarships available to graduating seniors (both local and national level);
3. Join members in fun activities that promote the Hispanic language and culture;
4. Did I say it looks good on a college application?
5. Fun activities and community service;
6. Competition at the regional and state level;
7. Wear an honor stole at graduation.

Some of the *possible* activities of this organization are:

1. Field trips to places representative of Hispanic Culture / Heritage (Dali Museum, Epcot, St. Augustine, etc.)
2. Participation in Regional (World Language Festival - Jacksonville) and State Competitions (Florida State Spanish Conference – Orlando)
3. Visits to nursing homes
4. Hispanic Awareness Month in October
5. Food and Toy drive for migrant workers
6. Cultural activities (such as fiestas and dinners at local Hispanic restaurants)
7. Participation in Relay for Life and / or charitable events
8. Spelling / Geography Bees
9. Adopt an elementary school class (Durbin Creek)

Other ideas? Definitely bring them to the first meeting.

Dues are \$30.00 (includes national dues and T-shirt) and are due at first meeting.

Successful applicants will be notified by October 15, 2011.

I hope you will join this prestigious national honors organization. To read more about this organization and advantages to belonging (including scholarship opportunities), please visit the following website: <http://www.sociedadhonorariahispanica.org/>

Sincerely,

*Linda Villadóniga*

Linda Villadóniga, Sponsor



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Please print and fill out completely in black ink. **Due October 1, 2011.**

**Name of Student Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current grade level:** Junior Senior

**Currently enrolled in:** Spanish II\_\_\_ Spanish III\_\_\_ AP Spanish\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly state your reasons for becoming a member of the CHS Chapter of the SHH.**

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As a member of the Creekside High School Chapter of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, I, \_\_\_\_\_, promise to devote myself to the study of Spanish. I also understand that I will be representing CHS as well as the SHH and I will remember that language is a strong tie between persons of diverse national origins, ethnicities, and religions all of which must be respected. I also promise to promote friendship and understanding between peoples.

Firma del candidato/a: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Recommendations (three are required)

Dear teachers,

This student is applying to the **Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica** (Hispanic Honor Society), Creekside High School Chapter. Please provide an honest opinion of the student's character. We are using a number scale where 5 is the best and 1 is the least desirable.

Teachers, if you would prefer to fill this form out confidentially, please send Mrs. Villadoniga an email and she will send you a copy electronically.

5 = outstanding      4 = excellent      3 = good      2 = fair      1 = poor

Teacher's Name (Please Print)	Integrity	Participation	Service to Others	Work Ethic	Total Points (to be filled by chapter sponsor)

Thank you for your participation in our selection process.

Linda Villadóniga,  
Chapter Sponsor

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To be completed by SHH Sponsor. (DO NOT COMPLETE)

Overall Grade Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Spanish Grade Average: \_\_\_\_\_