

National Adult Education Honor Society By-Laws

PREAMBLE

The governing Board of the National Adult Education Honor Society (NAEHS) hereby establishes a Society for the educational advancement and increased economic opportunity of deserving adult education students through meaningful recognition.

PURPOSES

The National Adult Education Honor Society shall exist to:

- ~Recognize and honor deserving adult education students who have demonstrated dependable attendance, cooperation and work ethic, and
- ~Assist NAEHS members as they pursue employment opportunities, and
- ~Assist NAEHS members as they pursue educational goals, and
- ~Create adult education program advocates, and
- ~Create awareness of the continuing need for educational opportunities for under-educated adults, and
- ~Promote the growth and ideals of the National Adult Education Honor Society.

The NAEHS Charter shall authorize the local adult education program to nominate those adult education students who have met NAEHS standards into membership into the National Adult Education Honor Society.

The local Chapter shall induct new NAEHS members during an induction ceremony as part of a graduation exercise or as a separate ceremony. An induction is a function of the local provider who shall be autonomous, determining how and when to induct students and determining which students have met the aforementioned NAEHS standards.

NAEHS shall provide suggestions for conducting an induction ceremony to showcase the local program and make NAEHS membership special and meaningful for new NAEHS members.

Local Chapters shall not be required to hold meetings, elect officers, establish by-laws, have advisors, form committees, or engage in community activities except as the local Chapter may elect to do so.

Student Membership

Student NAEHS members shall have been enrolled in an ESL, ESOL, GED, HSD, and/or ABE adult education program.

Student nominees shall have met the following standards as determined by the local adult education provider:

- dependable attendance,
- dependable cooperation,
- dependable work ethic.

NAEHS does not consider test scores, academic excellence or academic elitism valid criteria for adult learners who have other significant responsibilities, including but not limited to family, occupation and/or community obligations. Unauthorized use of test scores as criteria for NAEHS membership may result in revocation of the local NAEHS charter.

NAEHS recognizes the wide variety and methodologies used by local providers and shall deem valid the providers determination of those who meet NAEHS standards.

Membership shall be made without regard to race, age, handicaps, creed, religion, gender, beliefs, or political affiliation.

NAEHS By-Laws shall strictly prohibit the advertisement or sale of any merchandise to NAEHS student members.

NAEHS membership shall not obligate student members to take oaths or pay dues or fees.

Each NAEHS student member shall receive a signed NAEHS Membership Certificate, an NAEHS letter of recommendation for employment, an NAEHS letter of recommendation for scholarships or grants, and an NAEHS pin.

An NAEHS member's only obligation shall be to become an advocate for adult education and the local adult education provider by sharing with family and friends what the local program has meant to him/her.