

NTHS Silver Star of Excellence Award

The hallmark of the NTHS national chapter awards, the **Silver Star of Excellence**, is designed for chapters to achieve national recognition for their educational excellence and community involvement. This award encourages chapters to promote NTHS values in both their school and community.

Chapters who meet the Silver Star Award program requirements reflect planning and an understanding of the Seven Attributes of NTHS - Skill, Honesty, Service, Responsibility, Scholarship, Citizenship, and Leadership. They also focus on maintaining an active, growing membership and business/industry partnership development. Activities include well-rounded programs within the chapter, on campus, in the community, and on the state and national level.

Taking the values of NTHS beyond the comfort of the local chapter opens opportunities for members to meet new people, discover new ideas, and share the spirit of NTHS. The award is based on the following elements:

A. Skill and Scholarship

Does your NTHS Chapter help raise scholastic standards at your institution, increase public awareness, build a positive image for your school?

Activities designed to promote skill development, scholarship, and educational excellence in your school and community should involve NTHS members, faculty, and staff. The program should create greater opportunities for student recognition and increased community awareness. Both student and honorary NTHS membership should figure prominently into your school's honors and recognition program and public relations initiatives.

B. Honesty

Are your members able to interact with and learn from local business leaders?

Activities designed to encourage workplace honesty among your students should be driven by leaders of local business and industry. Programs should bring business professionals and NTHS members face-to-face so that students can learn the importance this value is to their success and career.

C. Service

Are your members involved in community service learning?

Service initiatives should center on programs for the greater good of the community. Members should learn more about people in need, develop plans to address these needs, make decisions, and carry out successful programs that make a positive impact and a visible difference in the community.

D. Responsibility

How do your NTHS members learn to handle responsibility?

Activities should create opportunities for NTHS members to gain experience and assume responsibility at school and in the community.

E. Citizenship

How do your members exercise their citizenship rights and responsibilities?

NTHS members are citizens and should be given opportunities to demonstrate pride in their community and nation. Promoting citizenship is their responsibility as members of the Society.

F. Leadership

Are there opportunities for members to learn to follow and learn to lead?

Leadership programs should create opportunity for the development of leadership skills for members, officers, and fellow students. Chapter activities should encourage leadership roles within the Society, the school, and community.

G. Growth and Development

Does your chapter have growth and development plans?

Healthy NTHS Chapters are energetic and growing. They actively seek ways to promote educational excellence, serve school and community, and increase both student and honorary membership. Healthy chapters also actively help establish new Society Chapters.

Your school's bound presentation should include:

1. Table of contents;
2. Completed **NTHS Silver Star of Excellence** application form;
3. A letter of endorsement and support from the school's chief administrative officer, and documentation of not more than two typed pages for each of the seven core values (A-G) arranged in separate, tabbed sections.

Only one entry per chapter will be considered for the **Silver Star of Excellence** national award.

Applications must be postmarked on or before May 1.

Scoring will be based upon supporting evidence and written documentation that the school is meeting the objective for each of the seven core value sections (A-G) above. The decision by the NTHS panel of judges will be final.

Entries in this category will be evaluated and scored based on a total of 100 points. Any chapter that meets the criteria with a score of 90 or more points will receive the NTHS Silver Star of Excellence award.

Creativity	1-25 points
Quality	1-25 points
Involvement of Members	1-25 points
Impact on Community	1-25 points

NTHS Silver Star of Excellence Award Application Form

School Name: _____ Acct #: _____

Advisor(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of Person Submitting Entry: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email (required for confirmation): _____

Only one entry per school will be accepted during a calendar year. Questions concerning the Silver Star of Excellence Awards should be directed to Peyton Holland at 800-801-7090 or pholland@nthsofexcellence.org.

I hereby certify that the submitted entry was created and implemented by NTHS Members and Advisors.

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

**THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY ALL ENTRIES.
NO E-MAILED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE MAY 15.**

**National Technical Honor Society
Attention: Awards Selection Committee
P.O. Box 1336
Flat Rock, NC 28731**