August 27, 2018

Dear Springs Charter School Student,

Are you interested in learning about membership itno the National Honor Society? Much more than an honor roll, NHS is a distinctive multifaceded learning experience that provides a solid and meaningful foundation for life. If you are interested in becoming a member, please complete the following application.

The purpose of NHS is:

1. To **create enthusiasm** for **Scholarship**
2. To **stimulate a desire** to render **Service**
3. To **promote leadership**
4. To **develop character**
5. To **encourage citizenship**

Membership in the National Honor Society is based upon performance in the following four areas:

- Scholarship
- Character
- Leadership
- Service

Membership in the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. River Springs Charter School is proud to sponsor a chapter of the National Honor Society and our chapter is working hard to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and the community. Our chapter, along with the more than 15,000 chapters in schools across the nation, strives to give practical meaning to the Society's standards of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

These four ideals are the basis for selection. National Honor Society strives to recognize the total student – one who excels in all of these areas. By completing the attached candidate Student Information Form, you will have an opportunity to outline your accomplishments in the areas of Service, Character, and Leadership. **Your transcript will also be reviewed in order to determine your eligibility based on scholarship. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 (out of 4.0); weighted grade point average based on letter grades only**

in CP and A-G core classes meeting graduation requirements; based on the previous two semesters of high school enrollment only.
Membership in the National Honor Society is *optional* and more than an honor. It incurs an obligation to demonstrate these outstanding qualities and it also carries a responsibility to the chapter. Membership will include attendance at monthly meetings and participation in a chapter service project and/or an individual service project. The meetings take place regionally. A conference call option is also available.

Student submission will be reviewed, along with the transcript by the River Springs faculty council and students determined to meet the requirements for eligibility will be notified. A special induction ceremony for students will be held in the fall.

The Candidate Form is enclosed along with this letter. **If you are interested in the opportunity to be selected for membership, please do the following by September 16, 2017. <u>No late forms will be accepted</u>.**

- Complete Student Activity form and required essay
- Request and submit a letter of recommendation from a non-family community or school staff person
- Mail or deliver required documents to:

  River Springs Chapter of the National Honor Society
  27740 Jefferson Avenue
  Temecula, CA 92590

- Request an official copy of your transcripts by contacting our Springs Charter School Transcript Technician.

  E-mail: transcripts@springsc.org
  Phone: (951) 252-8836

We request that the forms be submitted by **September 21, 2018** to provide the Faculty Council sufficient time to authenticate the information provided by candidates and to seek clarification in preparation for the selection meeting. Your cooperation in meeting this deadline is an indication of your responsibility and your commitment to being an effective member of our chapter.

If you have any questions about completing the forms or about membership Springs Charter School's National Honor Society, please feel free to contact the chapter adviser, Mrs. Bozek at (909)524-1864.

Sincerely,

Colette Bozek

Student Activity Information Form

Springs Charter Schools Chapter of the National Honor Society

Directions: Please complete all sections. Type or print all information and submit it by **September 21, 2018.** Do not be modest. Every bit of information will be used by the Faculty Council to assist with the fair consideration of your candidacy during the selection process.

Completion and submission of this form does not guarantee selection. Should you have any questions about this form, please contact Mrs. Bozek at 909-524-1864

Administrative Information

Name: Current grade level:
Program: Student e-mail:
Telephone: Parent e-mail:
Address: City: Zip:

Leadership Positions

List all elected or appointed leadership positions or other positions of responsibility held in school, community, or work activities. Only those positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others should be included (e.g. committee chairperson, team captain, work area manager, or other community leader). Please indicate the name of the adult responsible for supervising your leadership in each position.

Year	Leadership Position	Activity/Organization	Supervising Adult
9th			
10th			
11th			
12th			

For the following questions regarding leadership, please respond with either Yes, Unsure or No. If the answer is Yes, list the evidence that demonstrates these qualities. The evidence is written as a narrative explaining a specific circumstance or describing a common practice. For example, in response to the question, do you initiate academic initiative, you might respond as follows: “In order to plan for the future, I have met with my guidance counselor each year. I have researched the top three colleges of choice, and visited the campuses and met with the intake advisers at each. I work with my ES to personalize my coursework based on my interests and I seek out new opportunities for learning as often as possible.”

Leadership Quality	**Yes, Unsure, or No**
Are you resourceful in solving new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions? **Evidence:**	
Do you demonstrate initiative in promoting school activities? **Evidence:**	
Do you exercise a positive influence on peers upholding school ideals? **Evidence:**	
Are you able to delegate responsibilities? **Evidence:**	
Do you exemplify a positive attitude and inspire a positive behavior in others? **Evidence:**	
Do you demonstrate academic initiative? **Evidence:**	
Have you successfully held positions of responsibility, conducting business effectively and efficiently, and without prodding, demonstrated reliability and dependability? **Evidence:**	

Are you a positive role model to others in the classroom, school, at work, and/or community activities? **Evidence:**	
Are you thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted? **Evidence:**	

Service Activities

List service activities in which you have participated. These can be individual or group service projects done either in or out of school. Generally, service activities are those that are done on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or otherwise) has been given. Please ask an adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each activity to sign on the appropriate line, and also list the estimated number of hours you invested while performing this service.

Year	**Activity**	**Length of** *Service (list number of months or number of hours if less than 20)*	**Supervising Adult**
9th			
10th			
11th			
12th			

For the following questions regarding service, please respond with either Yes, Unsure or No. If the answer is Yes, list the evidence that demonstrates these qualities.

Service Quality	**Yes, Unsure, or No**
Do you willingly uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude? **Evidence:**	
Do you participate in family duties? **Evidence:**	

Are you dependable and offer well-organized assistance, gladly available, and willing to sacrifice to offer assistance to others? **Evidence:**	
Do you work well with others and are you willing to take on difficult responsibilities with or without recognition? **Evidence:**	
Do you cheerfully and enthusiastically render any requested service to the school and/or others? **Evidence:**	
Do you complete assignments and undertakings without complaining? **Evidence:**	
Do you show courtesy to others by assisting community members, school staff, and other students? **Evidence:**	

Other Student Activities

List all other activities (not previously noted) in which you have participated in school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc. and any significant accomplishments in each. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and any significant accomplishments in each.

Year	Activity	Accomplishments
9th		
10th		
11th		
12th		

Other Community Activities

List other community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishments in each. These should be any activities in which you participated for the betterment of your community (e.g. religious groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy of Girl Scouts, community art endeavors, etc.). Do not repeat participation in activities listed elsewhere in this form. Please include the name of the adult supervisor of each activity.

Year	Community Activity	Length of Involvement/Hours	Accomplishments	Supervising Adult
9th				
10th				
11th				
12th				

Work Experience, Recognition, and Awards

Though not a specific criterion for membership, please list below any job experiences, honors, or recognition that you have received that support your candidacy for membership in the Honor Society. Work experience may be paid or volunteer.

Year	Job, Recognition, or Award	Group or Activity	Time Spent on Job or Activity	Supervising Adult
9th				
10th				
11th				
12th				

Character Quality	Yes, Unsure, or No
Do you take criticism willingly and accept recommendations graciously? **Evidence:**	

Do you consistently exemplify desirable qualities of behavior (e.g. cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)? **Evidence:**	
Do you demonstrate the highest standards of honesty and reliability? **Evidence:**	
Do you consistently show courtesy, concern, and respect for others? **Evidence:**	
Do you observe instructions and rules, are punctual, and faithful in all situations? **Evidence:**	
Do you manifest truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoid cheating in written work, and show an unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others? **Evidence:**	
Do you actively seek to rid the environment of negative influences? **Evidence:**	

Written Essay Submission

In order to be considered for the RSCS chapter of the National Honor Society, students must also complete a written essay to be submitted along with this Student Activity Form. The requirements for the essay are as follows:

- Should be two to three pages in length

- Should demonstrate a strong writing ability and be free of grammar, writing conventions, and spelling errors
- Should respond to the following prompt: "What Leadership and Service Mean to Me" and include personal examples demonstrated in your life, how you can serve other students at River Springs Charter School, as well as future goals. Please take the opportunity to qualify the evidences listed elsewhere on this form. Also, if there are any deficiencies on your transcript, for example, a D or F, explain the circumstances.

Signatures

I understand that completing and submitting this form does not guarantee selection to the Honor Society. I attest that the information presented here is complete and accurate. If selected, I agree to abide by the standards and guidelines of the chapter and to fulfill all of my membership obligations to the best of my ability.

□ I have requested an official copy of my transcript by contacting the SCS transcript technician. E-mail: *transcripts@springscs.org* Tel. (951) 252-8836.

Student Signature Date

I have read the information provided by my son/daughter on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete.

Parent Signature Date

Parent e-mail address Phone number

We request this so we can notify you regarding important details. Return completed form to:

Springs Charter Schools, NHS Attn: Colette Bozek
27740 Jefferson Avenue, Temecula, CA 92590