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Dear Student:

Please review the National Achievers Society Fact Sheet. There you will find information about the National Achievers Society (NAS). The purpose of NAS is to recognize and reinforce achievement among African American youth and other students of color. This purpose supports the overall mission of closing gaps and increasing achievement. The Heritage High School Chapter was established in December 2011. Any student, grades 10, 11, and 12, with a weighted gpa of 3.0 who has interest in supporting the NAS purpose is invited to become a member.

Each student who is inducted into the National Achievers Society will receive a certificate of membership. Upon graduation, each senior maintaining eligibility standards for membership will receive an honor cord. The application process is as follows:

1. Return your completed application, with signatures, short answer and resume no later than Monday, October 30, 2023 by 2:30pm to Student Services.
2. Check your WCPSS email for acceptances by November 6, 2023
3. If accepted for membership, pay the \$20 induction membership dues via online payments between November 6th and November 13th. Note: you can pay online through the school online payments. Be sure to choose "National Achievers: New Members \$20". Be sure to indicate the shirt size on your application.
4. Attend a mandatory "new member" virtual meeting on Tuesday November 14th at 3:30pm. Access code will be emailed to new members.
5. Prepare to participate in the induction ceremony on Wednesday November 15th at 6:30pm. Attire is dressy (shirt & tie/outfit for young men and appropriate top/outfit for young ladies). Please.. no t-shirts/sweats/jeans.

NAS membership is truly a unique honor and experience. We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

*Erica Davis and Theresa Tate*

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Co-Advisors

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# THE NATIONAL ACHIEVERS SOCIETY

## FACT SHEET

**FOUNDING:** The Campaign for African American Achievement was initiated in March 1997, when leaders of national Black organizations came together to review, analyze and plan to address the educational and developmental crises facing African American children and youth of color. The National Achievers Society is a component of the Campaign for Minority Achievement. Launched nationally as the Thurgood Marshall Achievers Society, it is now known as the National Achievers Society. In February 2001, the Triangle Urban League launched locally its Campaign for Minority Achievement, a sustained, coordinated and intense effort to raise the achievement levels of African Americans and other youth of color. The initiative continues to inspire students to recognize that Achievement Matters. The Society was established to support and promote youth who are doing well in school, in their community and in their lives.

The Campaign, co-sponsored by the National Urban League and the Congress of national Black Churches, will offer programs and resources to help students develop a strong desire for academic success; to encourage parental involvement in education; and to help parent, school and community groups foster coalitions that improve educational opportunities and results/achievements for their children.

**PURPOSE:** The National Achievers Society will primarily seek to recognize, encourage and reinforce achievement among African American youth and other youth of color. The purpose of the Achievers Society is to create a national group achievement presence in which young people can aspire and participate. The Society is designed to reduce drastically the negative peer pressure associated with academic achievement. Through identifying, nurturing and creating an environment in which motivation soars for youth, high academic achievement is certain to grow and develop.

**CRITERIA:** The Heritage High School Chapter of National Achievers Society is open to students who are:

- In grades 10 - 12;
- Maintaining a 3.0 average or better
- Enrolled in advanced, honors or AP level courses;
- Being sponsored by an adult who will serve as a mentor in the achiever's life;
- Interested in encouraging achievement among youth of color
- Being recognized for artistic talents, and winning competitions at regional, state, or national levels.

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This is based upon having maintained the above criteria for two consecutive grading periods. Continued recognition can be secured in part by completing a community service project each year of membership, or by achieving academic success in specific curriculum areas such as a math and science concentration, a technology concentration, or the International Baccalaureate Program where available.

**AWARDS:** Each student who is inducted into the Society will receive a certificate. Seniors in good standing will receive an honor cord for graduation.

**SPONSOR(MENTOR):** Prior to each induction, each applicant should have a sponsor that will, at minimum, serve as an ongoing positive role model and mentor for the applicant. Sponsors can be a parent, other adult, or organization that is interested in the positive development and achievement of youth. Community sponsors will be provided if applicants are unable to obtain sponsorship.

Complete both sides including signatures. Attach Parts II and III. Return to Student Services by 2:30 pm on Monday October 30, 2023.

**NATIONAL ACHIEVERS SOCIETY**  
**Heritage High School Chapter**  
**INDUCTION APPLICATION**

**Part I. Student Information.**

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your tshirt size: S M L XL XXL

HOME TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

WCPSS STUDENT E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA (Weighted) \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II. Type your response in one page or less.** Describe briefly (1) why you would like to become a National Achiever and (2) what assets you bring to the organization to contribute to its continued growth at Heritage High School.

**Part III. Attach a copy of your resume.**

(Parent and Student signatures required!!!! Turn over this sheet.)

Complete both sides including signatures. Attach Parts II and III. Return to Student Services by 2:30 pm on Monday October 30, 2023.

I have reviewed the NAS Fact Sheet and understand the purpose of the organization. I will continue and encourage my peers to seek excellence in and outside the classroom. I intend to be dedicated, represent NAS well and grow the organization.

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(Student Signature)

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(Date)

I acknowledge my son/daughter's interest to be inducted into the National Achievers Society.

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(Parent/Guardian signature)

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(Date)