



# National Home School Honors Society

## MARCH Local Chapter: ALPHA NU 2025-2026 Handbook

### **Program Info:**

The McKinney Area Christian Homeschoolers (MARCH) is proud to sponsor the Alpha Nu Chapter of the National Home School Honor Society Eta Sigma Alpha (ESA). Any High School MARCH Student is welcome to join.

The purpose of the Eta Sigma Alpha (ESA) National Home School Honor Society (NHHS) shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among home school students. Eta Sigma Alpha NHHS shall provide opportunities to develop leadership and service to achieve this purpose. ESA shall encourage the development of an intellectual climate that will stimulate the exchange of ideas and ideals, foster scholarship, and promote academic excellence. ESA shall also advocate homeschooling as a viable and successful educational methodology and act as a liaison for homeschooling to the general public, colleges/universities, and the media.

The Alpha Nu Chapter of the NHHS is dedicated to giving MARCH students who embody the core values of Truth, Leadership, Scholarship, Character, and Service a chance to connect with other motivated students. We focus on community service and offer opportunities to learn about future colleges and careers through guest speakers and organized activities. Additionally, participation in our chapter can enhance college and scholarship applications.

The NHHS has two levels: the national and local chapters, each with membership requirements.

## Alpha Nu MArCH Chapter Membership Requirements and By-laws:

- a. Must be a MArCH member in grades 9th-12th. (This program is open to all MArCH members. Students are not required to attend MArCH Co-Op or any other MArCH subgroup.)
- b. Students must be academically minded, with a GPA of 3.5+ out of a 4.0 scale. ***\*Parents must sign and date a form to confirm that their current GPA meets the requirements.***
- c. **Students must have at least 10 hours of community service to place membership. The person overseeing the service hours must log and sign these hours. You may use this form to log service hours. [Alpha Nu Service Documentation Form](#)**
- d. Pay a \$15.00 local chapter annual membership fee. Cash or a check payable to MArCH. (for: Alpha Nu dues)
- e. Students must maintain GPA requirements for the membership to remain active. GPA will be checked each semester.
- f. ***Students will commit to attending at least five(5) meetings and/or events throughout the school year organized by the local chapter. To rejoin the following year, students who do not attend the five required must serve extra community hours depending on how many times they miss to reach five attended.***

Alpha Nu typically has two mandatory meetings per semester. We plan two social activities, service opportunities, mandatory induction ceremony, and academic learning events each year. There are at least eight possible meeting/activity times a year for students to meet their five meeting time requirements.

Application for Alpha Nu: [MARCH Honors application](#)

[Alpha Nu Service\\_Documentation\\_Form](#)

## National Honor Society Chapter: Eta Sigma Alpha Requirements:

- a. Students must be active members of a local chapter and meet the requirements laid out by the local chapter yearly.
- b. Students must have taken **one** of the following tests in a group setting and scored as follows or above:

### College Admission Tests

- i. SAT – 1200
  1. PSAT
  2. PSAT 10
  3. PSAT 8/9 – 9th
  4. PSAT 8/9 – 8th
- ii. ACT – 26
  1. Pre-ACT 10
  2. Pre-ACT 8/9
- iii. CLT
  1. CLT – 91
  2. CLT 10 – 88

### Achievement Tests

- iv. IOWA Assessment – 90% of complete battery
  - v. SAT – 90% (the score listed under the National PR-S or PR column)
  - vi. Terra Nova – 90% (listed under the NPR column)
- c. Test Scores must not be more than a year old when applying. *Test scores only need to be given once.*
  - d. Students must complete the application and submit a copy of their test scores to the NHS Sponsor. *The document must include the Student's name, the test date, and the score.*
  - e. Students must pay the National Honor Society chapter dues of \$20 each year of membership.

NHHS ETA SIGMA ALPHA requirements and further information can be found at <https://etasigmaalpha.com/>

**Application for ETA SIGMA ALPHA:**  **National Honor Society Application**

### Induction Ceremony:

Alpha Nu will hold an NHHS induction ceremony each spring to recognize students who have achieved NHHS Honors during the current school year. This formal event is an opportunity for friends and family to attend and celebrate the students' accomplishments.

If you have any questions or wish to apply to Alpha Nu and NHHS Eta Sigma Alpha, please contact Shannon Hurst at [shurst@marchgrop.org](mailto:shurst@marchgrop.org).

## **Current Sponsors for Alpha Nu NHHS chapter:**

Shannon Hurst and Mildred Tong

## **2024-2025 Officers:**

President: Henry Tong (Senior)

Vice President: Kimora Hoke (Senior)

Secretary: Emily Woodward (Junior)

Treasurer: Joaquin Hoke (Junior)

## **Alpha Nu Chapter of NHHS Officer Election process:**

At the end of each school year, new officers will be elected for the upcoming school year.

Election procedures are as follows:

Members of the chapter nominate people within the chapter for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Then, in the final meeting of the year, the officer positions are voted on by members in attendance.

## **Alpha Nu Chapter of NHHS Officer Responsibilities:**

### **President:**

- Send minutes from secretary to members after getting sponsor additions
- Handle any email communications with the Chapter after working with the sponsors
- Maintain a list of email addresses of all members
- Work with sponsors with input from other officers to make meeting agenda
- Email group meeting reminder with agenda
- Lead meetings
- Co-activities coordinator with the Vice president – lead at least a minimum of 2 events per semester.
  - Some details: Finding locations for meetings, volunteering, fun activities, service events, and induction ceremony
  - Communicate with outside parties involved with the activity, such as rental space, volunteer location, guest speakers, etc.
  - Lead the final discussion and vote for the Chapter on the plans and activities at the meeting.
  - Plan for what is needed to do the activities
  - Get Chapter members to serve with various tasks
- Investigate and bring possible ideas for Chapter activities, fundraising, volunteer work, and MArCH service projects.

- At the beginning of each semester, create a chapter calendar of activities. Check the Co-op and Senior Calendars for available dates, etc.
- Consult sponsors and keep them up to date on the progress of activity planning.

### **Vice President:**

- Co-activities coordinator with the President- lead a minimum of 2 events each semester. This is the largest task of this role.
- Assist with activities/events when not in lead coordinator position.
  - Some details: Finding locations for meetings, volunteering, fun activities, service events, and induction ceremony
  - Communicate with outside parties involved with the activity, such as rental space, volunteer location, guest speakers, etc.
  - Lead the final discussion and vote for the Chapter on the plans and activities at the meeting.
  - Plan for what is needed to do the activities
- Get Chapter members to serve with various tasks
- Email Enrichment and March newsletter with meeting notices (copy sponsors)
- Lead meetings if the president is not available
- Investigate and bring possible ideas for Chapter activities, fundraising, volunteer work, and MArCH service projects.
- At the beginning of each semester, create a chapter calendar of activities. Check the Co-op and Senior Calendars for available dates, etc.
- Consult sponsors and keep them up to date on the progress of activity planning.

### **Secretary:**

- Take meeting minutes
- Send minutes to the President and sponsors within five days of the meeting
- Assist in communication emails to the Chapter about the activities, sending updates and reminders.
- Keep track of attendance of members and report to sponsors within 5 days of meeting
- Maintain the attendance spreadsheet throughout the year
- Work with sponsors to help members meet the 5 minimum required attendance to events/meetings with reminder emails and communication
- Activities: Help with communication with the Chapter about planned activities.
- Assist with a minimum of 2 activities/events per semester.
- Investigate and bring possible ideas for Chapter activities, fundraising, volunteer work, and MArCH service projects.
- At the beginning of each semester, create a chapter calendar of activities. Check the Co-op and Senior Calendars for available dates, etc.
- Consult sponsors and keep them up to date on the progress of activity planning.

### **Treasurer:**

- Keep track of payment of dues
- Maintain budget spreadsheets – balances and cash flow
- Work with sponsors to deposit funds
- If the secretary isn't at the meeting, take the minutes and send them to the President and sponsors within 5 days of the meeting.
- Handle the finances of the activities and events.
- Handle payments and purchases needed for the activities.
- Assist with a minimum of 2 activities/events per semester.
- Investigate and bring possible ideas for Chapter activities, fundraising, volunteer work, and MArCH service projects.
- At the beginning of the year, create a chapter calendar of activities. Check the Co-op and Senior Calendars for available dates, etc.
- Consult sponsors and keep them up to date on the progress of activity planning.

### **OFFICERS' responsibilities to coordinate activities: This year, we are dividing the duties of the activities amongst the officers**

#### **Collectively:**

- Investigate and bring possible ideas for Chapter activities, fundraising, volunteer work, and MArCH service projects.
- At the beginning of the year, create a chapter calendar of activities. Check the Co-op and Senior Calendars for available dates, etc.
- Consult sponsors and keep them up to date on the progress of activity planning.

#### **President and Vice President-** Will coordinate the activities for the Chapter.

- Some details: Finding locations for meetings, volunteering, fun activities, service events, and induction ceremony
- Communicate with outside parties involved with the activity, such as rental space, volunteer location, guest speakers, etc.
- Lead the final discussion and vote for the Chapter on the plans and activities at the meeting.
- Plan for what is needed to do the activities
- Get Chapter members to serve with various tasks

**Secretary-** Assist in communication emails to the Chapter about the activities, sending updates and reminders. And, help with 2 events each semester as lead.

**Treasurer-** Handle the finances of the activities and events. Handle payments and purchases needed for the activities. And, help with 2 events each semester as lead.

## Dress Code

The purpose of the MArCH dress code is to uphold respect for the Lord, ourselves, and others by dressing appropriately (Romans 12:1-2). The dress code applies to all MArCH members.

- ALL shorts for both males and females must be at least fingertip length when arms are fully extended at the sides of legs. This also includes shorts worn in athletic classes.
- No bra straps or other undergarments visible through or outside outerwear.
- No form-fitting shirts, skirts, or dresses.
- Skirts and dresses may be no shorter than 3" above the knee.
- No offensive clothing, including offensive wording.
- Only females may wear dresses or skirts.
- No undershirts worn as outerwear. Males must have sleeves on their shirts.
- When wearing leggings/yoga pants/jeggings, tops/dresses must be no shorter than fingertip length when arms are fully extended at the sides of legs.
- No clothing that exposes the midriff.
- No wheeled shoes. Wheels will be taken if they are being used.
- No halter or strapless tops (straps must be at least three fingers wide).
- No facial piercings other than a tiny nose stud or hoop. No gauges.
- No loose or low-cut tops.

For more formal academic events (Induction Ceremony to National Honors Society, Career Fair, College Speaker Nights), business casual attire (while following the MArCH general dress code guidelines listed above) is required so that your attire conveys professionalism and reflects the importance of these honorary academic events.

## Dress Code Violation Consequences

1. If the dress code is not honored, the student and his/her parents will be advised of the offense, and the situation will be written up and kept on file for one full school year.
2. If a second offense is noted, the sponsors of Alpha Nu NHHS will arrange for a meeting with the family to discuss the offense and any needed action.