

# **VIRTUAL/HYBRID MEMBERSHIP DRIVES**



# **NEHS**

**NATIONAL ENGLISH  
HONOR SOCIETY**  
*for Secondary Schools*

## WEBINAR PRESENTATION

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# How do I recruit and enroll new members in a virtual or hybrid school setting?

## Face to Face

- Consistent meetings
- Chapter activities
- Community engagement
- Visual leadership, volunteerism, and presence on campus



## Virtual/Hybrid

- Why should I join?
- How will activities be modified?
- How will we build a community?
- What will participation “look like”?
- How will this transition affect students emotionally?

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# TRANSITIONS

# LAYING THE GROUNDWORK

Preparation before the membership drive...

- Bylaws
- Requirements
- Invitation
- Cover Letter/Letter of Commitment
- Enrollment of members
- Fees/Dues

# CHAPTER BYLAWS

- Serve as a general roadmap for Advisors.
- Inform members of expectations and responsibilities.
- Share mission and goals of the chapter with parents and administrators.

- *How will you communicate and meet with your chapter?*
- *What platforms will you incorporate?*
- *What participation will you require for your group if it is virtual or hybrid?*

## CHAPTER BYLAWS

What should be considered as chapter bylaws are developed.

# BYLAWS: RESOURCES

- Refer to Guidelines at <http://nehs.us/chapters/admin/chapters.shtml#bylaws>
- Bylaw Example: [Charles Dickens Chapter](#)

The NEHS Constitution sets forth as minimum requirements for active membership the following:

- attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester prior to being considered. (If special circumstances merit, the Faculty Advisory Council may waive the semester regulation);
- completion of the equivalent of two semesters of English prior to induction as members;
- the achievement of a minimum overall and English grade point average of a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) prior to induction as members; and
- submission and payment of the new member enrollment via NEHS Connect.

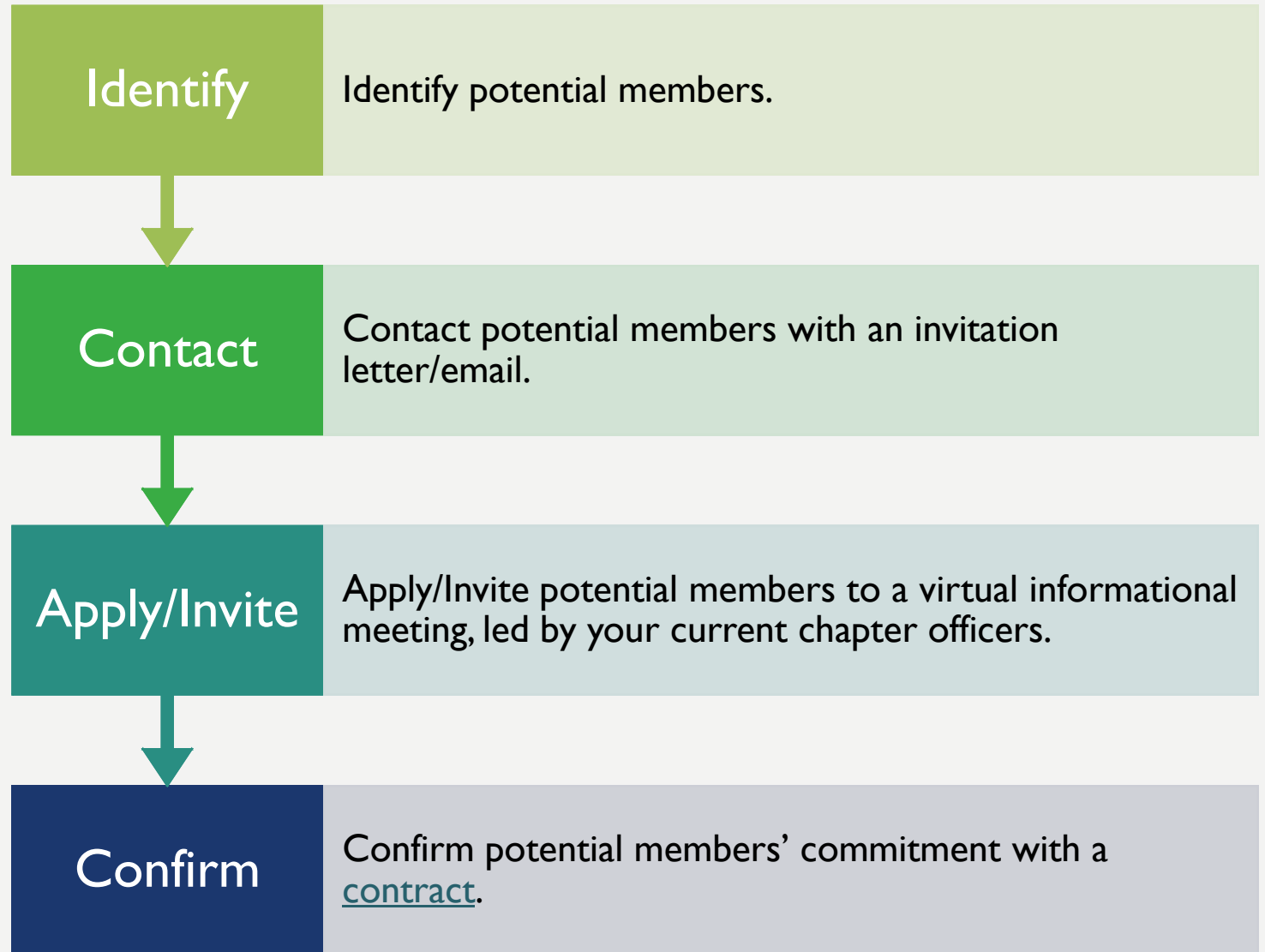
*\* These criteria may be raised, but not lowered, by the local chapter, but criteria must be based on demonstrable academic performance, interest in NEHS, and applicant character.*

## REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for membership are a subset of the chapter's bylaws.



# INVITATION PROCESS



# Sample Invitation

With great pleasure, the English Department cordially invites you to join Saint Mary's Hall's chapter of the National English Honor Society (NEHS). Our chapter name, "Charles Dickens," is inspired by our Form 9 study of his classic *Great Expectations*. The NEHS is under the sponsorship and supervision of Sigma Tau Delta, the collegiate International English Honor Society. Acceptance into this selective organization is a great honor, reflective of your hard work and accomplishments. The mission of NEHS is to confer distinction upon students for high achievement, to encourage interest in the English language arts, to promote exemplary character and good fellowship, and to serve society by fostering literacy. You were chosen for membership into this elite society because of your record of academic excellence, specifically in your English classes.

On Wednesday, April 19, from 1:30-2:00 p.m., I will host an informational Zoom meeting to discuss the commitment letter, the goals of the society, and leadership opportunities in more detail. Information can also be accessed at NEHS's official website: <http://www.nehs.us/nehs/>. In order to join the society, you must sign and email me the letter of commitment by Monday, August 31, at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [bhicks@smhall.org](mailto:bhicks@smhall.org).

As Advisor, I look forward to working with you in the chapter. Our goal is to continue to serve our campus and community by celebrating English language and literature. We hope you will join us in this endeavor.

# **FINALIZING MEMBERSHIP**

- After members commit, they must be enrolled on NEHS Connect.
- Each member contributes a Society fee of \$10, which covers the cost of enrollment and the certificate of membership.
- Graduation cords, medals, and additional merchandise can be purchased online through the Store tab in NEHS Connect.
- Once members are enrolled, students are active members of NEHS, and a chapter can begin planning its induction ceremony.

# QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATIONS

1. How will you collect fees in the virtual/hybrid situation?
2. How will you conduct a virtual/hybrid induction?
3. How can you facilitate the best experience for your chapter?
4. What specific webinars would you like to see in the future?

# RESOURCES / LINKS

- NEHS Bylaw Guidelines: <http://nehs.us/chapters/admin/chapters.shtml#bylaws>
- Sample invitation letter/email: <http://nehs.us/pdf/form/sample-member-invite.pdf>
- How to use NEHS Connect: <http://www.nehs.us/chapters/nehs-connect/index.shtml>

## Questions / Submissions

- NEHS Connect  
[nehsconnect@niu.edu](mailto:nehsconnect@niu.edu)
- NEHS Scholarships and Awards  
[nehsapply@niu.edu](mailto:nehsapply@niu.edu)
- Social Media and Blog Submissions  
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