

NEHS at a glance

The National English Honor Society is the honor society for high school students excelling in the study of:

English Language & Literature - Creative Writing
Drama & Theater - Film & Media Studies
Student Journalism

- NEHS works with over 85,000 students worldwide each year, making us the largest discipline-specific high school honor society in the world.
- We have a network of over 1,400 schools and 2,000 educators on six continents.
- NEHS is affiliated with the ELA Honor Society (for students in grades 6-9), Sigma Tau Delta (the four-year university English honor society), and Sigma Kappa Delta (the two-year college English honor society).

Our program for students

Scholarships

- Graduating senior members are eligible to apply for NEHS scholarships.
- Funding for scholarships currently stands at over \$80,000 USD.
- Scholarships are available to students wishing to study any subject at any accredited university anywhere in the world.

Intellectual Freedom Challenge

- Sophomores and Juniors can participate in the Intellectual Freedom Challenge.
- Students write an argumentative essay about a challenged text and why it should be made widely available.

Creative Challenges

- NEHS supports the development of students' creative skills by offering a range of contests (open to all student members) throughout the year.
- This year, contests will focus on poetry writing and performance, monologues, and podcasting.

Student Journalism

- High quality student journalism is very important to NEHS, and to that end we work closely with the *Harvard Crimson* to offer an annual Student Journalism competition.
- Two categories are available: best student publication (digital or printed) and best student article.

NEHS Triangle Journal

- Student members can have their critical and analytical work published in the *NEHS Triangle*, our academic journal.
- Each volume of the journal has a specific theme that students address.

Ampersand Award for LGBTQIA+ Writing

- Students can submit LGBTQIA+ creative writing to our Lambda Literary LGBT&Award.
- This award is a celebration of the diverse LGBTQIA+ voices that have too often been ignored or unheard, and brings their stories to the forefront.

Literary Artwork Awards

- NEHS is leading a movement to expand the boundaries of literary engagement through exciting Literary Artwork Awards.
- We invite our student members to unleash their creativity and explore literature in innovative ways.

Poets Laureate Award

- This opportunity allows NEHS member to serve as poetic voices for their communities and the Society at large.
- The Laureateship is a year-long journey of creative growth, public engagement, and mentorship with acclaimed poets.

Bulletin Board Award

- NEHS offers a dynamic bulletin board award aimed at celebrating the significance of representation and fostering a sense of belonging.
- This opportunity highlights the creative prowess of NEHS student members and underscores the importance of diverse voices.

UK Literary Tour

- Students interested in British Literature and Creative Writing can participate in our summer study opportunity in the United Kingdom.

Connections with the Community

- NEHS asks student members to take their skills beyond the classroom and into their communities through student-designed community projects.
- Chapters can apply for funding and the best projects undertaken each year are entered into the Chapter Impact Award.

Annual Convention

- Student members and Chapter Advisors have the opportunity to attend, and present at, the Sigma Tau Delta Convention.

Student Leadership

- NEHS offers opportunities for each chapter to elect student officers.
- These are students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills during their time as NEHS student members.

Author Talk Webinars

- NEHS offers webinars, which allow students to ask authors questions.
- This year's presenters include Angie Cruz, Gabrielle Zevin, James Ijames, TJ Klune, and Bonnie Garmus.

Induction and Graduation

- Upon enrolling, all student members receive an official certificate from NEHS, presented at the Induction Ceremony.
- Chapter Advisors can acquire NEHS honor cords, medallions and/or pins for graduating student members.



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Chapter Advisors

The Role of Chapter Advisors

- Chapter Advisors are teachers who agree to sponsor and lead an NEHS chapter.
- They provide support for student officers and help ensure that the chapter complies with the mission and vision of NEHS.
- Chapter Advisors receive free NEHS membership while they have an active chapter.

Benefits for Chapter Advisors

- NEHS exists for students and because of the Chapter Advisors who are willing to support it. For that reason, NEHS offers a package of support for Advisors.
- Chapter Advisors are eligible to apply for Professional Support Grants, which provide funding for teacher professional development activities in the form of courses; convention attendance; professional development texts; and support for diversity, equity, and inclusion projects.
- Teachers at schools with an NEHS chapter can apply for a Classroom Library Grant, which provides up to \$400 to teachers to expand the range and variety of literature available to students in their classrooms.
- Chapter Advisors looking to broaden their knowledge of teaching English through cross-curricular experiences can apply for the NEHS-Smithsonian Summer Institute scholarship.
- Advisors wishing to enrich their teaching through unique academic and cultural experiences can submit their plans to NEHS in order to be considered for an Enrichment Grant.
- NEHS and the National Council of Teachers of English offer a lesson planning and teaching resource competition, which allows Advisors to receive credit and prizes for innovative lesson plans and teaching resources.

Support for Chapter Advisors

- NEHS offers a comprehensive package of support for new and existing Chapter Advisors.
- Advisors are invited to attend webinars providing key details about opportunities available to them and their students.
- Support and guidance on all topics related to NEHS is available to Chapter Advisors online and via email.



Fees & Costs

- Schools planning to open an NEHS chapter must complete a Charter Application and pay an application fee of \$150 USD.
- Once a Charter has been granted, chapters must then cover an annual \$65 USD affiliation fee (payable on the anniversary of the initial Charter being granted).
- Student members pay an individual one-time enrollment fee of \$15 USD.
- Chapter Advisors receive free membership.



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