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Wellsboro Area School District
227 Nichols St
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National **Technical** **Honor** Society

Dear Wellsboro Administrative Team,

Our school has many exceptional students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways. The knowledge and skills they are gaining here are preparing them for incredible careers and continued education. The National Technical Honor Society exists to empower and celebrate CTE students, just like ours.

Based on the talent and interest of the student body in Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways, this letter is a proposal to form a school chapter of the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). The main goal of this organization is to provide recognition (through membership, awards, and scholarships), and leadership, service, and career development opportunities for students dedicated to the study of their career pathway.

As you likely already know, CTE provides an important avenue for young adults to gain technical and professional skills to succeed in the workplace and throughout their careers. According to recent research conducted by the ECMC Group, 72% of students said their top college worry was paying back student debt, and 80% of the top careers students want are offered through CTE. It's time we find a way to recognize and empower these students who are using CTE to jump-start their futures.

As such, we propose Wellsboro High School start a chapter of The National Technical Honor Society. The National Technical Honor Society partners with a variety of CTSOs and industry partners, including but not limited to:



There are several reasons why the establishment of the National Technical Honor Society is important. NTHS provides...

- ... an opportunity for students to be recognized for their hard work.
- ... opportunities to learn and develop employability skills outside of CTE classrooms.
- ... resources for teachers to help prepare students for the future.
- ... a platform to build our CTE program and bring recognition to our students and program within the community.
- ... a unified mission for communities, businesses, and industry partners to celebrate scholars and build the global workforce.

Chartering a chapter of NTHS at Wellsboro High School provides students several benefits. A few are listed below:

- A Membership Portfolio including a certificate, NTHS pin, tassel, decal, and graduation seal
- Access to nearly \$300,000 in scholarships each year, specifically for NTHS members
- Personalized Letters of Recommendation for employment, admissions, and scholarships
- Partner Discounts with companies such as Lenovo and OfficeMax
- Access to membership add-ons, like the NTHS Career Readiness Portal (Powered by MajorClarity), which allows students to explore career paths, earn micro-credentials, search for over \$7 billion in scholarships, and connect with employers

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have or check out the National Technical Honor Society website at nth.org for more information. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Mrs. Melanie Berndtson
Mrs. Amber Whitney

"NTHS is an integral part of our school, and that's the accomplishment I am most proud of. [NTHS] provides a pathway to success for students who are often not addressed by traditional education."

Jeff Herndon, Canadian Valley Technology Center, 2022

National Technical Honor Society



STANDARDS

STUDENT NTHS CANDIDATES:

It is the policy of the Society that each member school establishes and maintains its own candidate membership standards and selection criteria.

NTHS members should be good, honest, responsible student-citizens who have made a personal commitment to excellence and who agree to uphold the NTHS Standards of Conduct found in the NTHS student candidate brochure and printed on the back of the student membership card.

The Society strongly encourages CTSO membership by all members and member schools and recommends the following:

- Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- GPA for technical program or major 3.25 or higher
- One or more faculty and/or staff recommendations
- Active involvement in student government, CTSO, civic, or service organization(s)

Consideration is given to membership standards set for other campus honor organizations as NTHS standards are being developed. Changes in membership standards may be made based on local needs.

HONORARY NTHS CANDIDATES:

Publicly honoring individuals within your community (H.R. and staffing directors, civic leaders, educators, etc) who have made important contributions to your students and school is fundamental - a major part of every NTHS induction. NTHS Honorary memberships build strong community support, business partnerships, and bring local leaders face-to-face with your top students.

MEMBER STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:

As a member of the National technical Honor Society, I pledge to:

- *Maintain the highest standard of personal and professional conduct at all times;*
- *Strive for excellence in all aspects of my education and employment;*
- *Refuse to engage in or condone activities for personal gain at the expense of my fellow students, my school, or my employer;*
- *Support the intents and purposes of NTHS while working to achieve the objectives and goals of the society; and*
- *Uphold my obligations as a citizen of my community and my country.*

“success favors the prepared mind”

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Wellsboro High School CHAPTER BYLAWS OF THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Membership in the Society and the local NTHS Chapter shall be composed of students enrolled in workforce education programs or majors, and who qualify for membership according to the regulations of the NTHS national office and the local chapter. Members may be from any and/or all occupational departments, programs or majors within the institution and must have been duly approved by the local chapter advisor or school administration. Membership selection shall be made, at all times, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, age, disability, genetic information, political affiliation, veteran's status, or other protected class of the individual candidate for membership.

Individuals under consideration as candidates for the Society, shall meet, at minimum, the following national membership criteria:

- Candidate must be a secondary or postsecondary student participating in a CTE pathway, program, major or coursework.
- Candidate must meet one of the following GPA criteria:
 - A minimum overall 3.0 (83) CTE specific unweighted GPA

Additional local membership criteria

- Certification or credential attainment
- Active CTSO involvement
- Completed at least 4 credits of CTE coursework, and continues to maintain at least 2 credits of CTE coursework each year
- Program of study participant
- No major discipline referrals

Any student that meets the national and local membership criteria may be eligible for membership starting in their **sophomore** year.



ARTICLE II: MEMBER NOMINATION and INDUCTION

NTHS membership nominations shall be distributed in the **spring semester** via a **digital invitation**.

The local chapter will hold an induction program for the new NTHS membership **annually**. The nature of the induction ceremony shall be respectful and conducted in order to bring maximum recognition to the school's outstanding students. The NTHS membership induction shall include:

- NTHS Mission Statement
- Administration of the NTHS Pledge of Membership
- Presentation of Membership Certificates

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP DUES

National membership dues are set by the NTHS National Board of Directors and may be adjusted on an annual basis.

Membership dues will be **paid by the school**.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP REVOCATION

Members may be placed on probationary status or have their membership revoked for the following reasons:

- GPA falls below 3.0 (83) in CTE program
- Student dropped from CTE program
- Behavior does not meet character requirements (major discipline referral)
- Student did not meet community service requirements (*students will participate in one chapter sponsored community service per year*)
- Excessive school (or meeting) absences without reasonable explanation
- Did NOT participate in at least two chapter sponsored events during the school year.

If placed on probation, a member will have **1 semester**, to correct the reason noted for probation before being removed.

If a student fails to correct behavior within the time frame the advisor must fill out the NTHS Student Removal Form in order to officially remove the student from their roster.

If a member is removed by the advisor and is later reinstated, the member must be reregistered which includes payment of the national dues.



ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Chapter meetings will be held **monthly**.

All meetings should be conducted according to *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. A quorum is defined as **a majority of** all chapter members.

ARTICLE VI: CHAPTER OFFICERS

Officers will apply and be selected by the chapter membership and shall hold office for one year.

Chapter officer elections shall be held in the **spring** semester.

The officers make up the Executive Committee which will guide the work of the chapter. The officers and their duties are as follows:

The main officer positions shall be

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Additional officer positions can be added as necessary. Options for additional positions include:

- Historian
- Reporter
- Parliamentarian
- Representatives for CTE program area, CTSO, and class level.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDING THE BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended by a **two thirds vote of** all chapter members. The proposed amendments should be presented at the previous meeting before the vote.

