

By Laws for NAHS at ELCA



The name of this chapter shall be the ELCA High School Chapter of the National Art Honor Society. ELCA is a private Christian school and is eligible to apply for charter through the National Art Education Association (NAEA).

Section 1. The purpose of the chapter shall be to:

- A. Inspire and recognize those students who have shown outstanding ability in art;
- B. Foster excellence and a dedicated spirit to the pursuit of art;
- C. Further creative abilities and talents of the Society's members, as well as the school's entire student art enrollment;
- D. Aid members in working toward the attainment of their highest potential in an art area;
- E. Bring art to the attention of the school, church, and community by participating in at least 15 hours of Christian Art related service (attending NAHS meetings will count as service hours);
- F. Increase an awareness of art in relation to other areas of the school curriculum; and
- G. Further aesthetic awareness in all aspects of the school's program.

Section 2. Membership

Membership in this chapter shall be based upon art scholarship, service, character, and Christian witness. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must be a high school student enrolled in grade 10, 11, or 12 at ELCA, and have completed a period equivalent to one semester of art. An eligible candidate shall have a minimum Art scholarship average of "A" and must have and maintain a "B" cumulative average in all other subjects. If a student's grade falls below the required "A" in Art or the overall "B" GPA, they will be put on probation for the following semester to give the student an opportunity to improve their Art average and/or GPA to meet the ELCA chapter's NAHS requirements. Student's behavior must be in good standing at all times. Members may remain active during such time when there is not art on their class schedule.

Section 3. Selection of Members

The selection of members to this chapter of the National Art Honor Society shall be by recommendation from the Art faculty of this school who are members in good standing of the National Art Education Association (NAEA). Criteria used to determine membership selection beyond faculty recommendation shall be set forth in the chapter's bylaws. Any member who falls below the standards that are the basis for selection shall be promptly warned. If during the next regular grading period of the school, the member fails to meet the standards used as basis for selection to the Society, the case shall be passed upon by the chapter council. When a member is dismissed, he/she must be notified and the membership card returned to the Society sponsor.

Section 4. Officers and Meetings

Officers of the chapter shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the year by the NJAHS member's majority vote. Officers positions: President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer (these could be combined), Chaplain, Historian/Parliamentarian, Chair for awards and ceremonies, Chair for public relations, and Chair for activities and

Christian Art related services. The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held during the school year on days designated by the chapter council (President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, and Chapter Sponsor) and approved by the principal. Special meetings, approved by the chapter council, may be called by the president. All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the supervision of the sponsor. This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, in all points not expressly provided for in the constitution of this chapter. The number of meetings scheduled and attendance expectations will be determined by the NJAHS chapter council. Meetings may not be held without the NJAHS sponsor present or other pre-approved adult supervision.

Section 5. Membership Fees

ELCA NAHS' initial membership fee is \$25.00 for the first year. National membership's fees are due annually. After the first year's membership, fees will be determined according to the current cost of National fees and NAHS items students wish to purchase. Upon becoming a NAHS member, students will participate in an induction ceremony. At the ceremony they will receive their certificate of membership, a NAHS t-shirt, and pin. A yearly NAHS membership fee for each student shall be forwarded to the National Art Honor Society at the NAEA National Office. A yearly chapter registration fee is required for each NAHS chapter and entitles the Chapter Sponsor to all the rights and privileges of one active membership including all NAEA member and NJAHS chapter benefits. The chapter registration fee is waived for Sponsors who are already active members. Co-sponsors must be active NAEA members. Sponsors at ELCA will be NAEA members.

I have read, understand, and agree to the expectations as stated in the Bylaws for membership of the ELCA chapter of the National Art Honor Society.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
