



# National Technical Honor Society

## Fact Sheet

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**NTHS is a nonprofit honor organization for outstanding students enrolled in occupational, vocational or technical programs. These students may attend secondary schools, vo-tech centers, technical and community colleges, private occupational training institutions or colleges with technical majors.**

### Purposes

The purposes of NTHS are:

- to reward student achievement
- to encourage scholastic excellence, skill development, honesty, service, leadership, citizenship, and individual responsibility
- to assist the membership in reaching their educational and career goals
- to help member schools build and maintain effective partnerships with local business and industry
- to cultivate and champion a stronger, more positive image for occupational/technical education in America.

### Institutional Provisions

Any school or institution that offers occupational and/or technical programs and is properly accredited or licensed by municipal, state, federal or regional accrediting agencies is eligible for a charter issued by the National Technical Honor Society.

### Membership Benefits

Honor Society membership develops individual self-esteem and pride, while it builds collective respect for the college and its programs — a powerful image builder!

Each year, thousands of students make the decision to affiliate with the Society because of the many advantages provided to the members, including:

- distinctive recognition for outstanding academic achievement
- national recognition among American industry and business through their membership registry database
- encouragement to reach for higher levels of achievement in their chosen occupation
- letters of recommendation to assist them in securing employment or admission to four-year colleges
- a membership certificate, card, pin, decal and newsletter
- the opportunity to purchase Society memorabilia, including honor graduation stoles, cords and tassels

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- a formal induction/recognition ceremony each fall and spring for new initiates, their families, and friends
- transcript notation of membership in the Society
- potential group discounts on Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Pops concerts, Milwaukee Admirals and Wave games, Milwaukee Art Museum and Milwaukee Public Museum admission and more.

## Membership Qualifications

Candidates for NTHS should be students who have demonstrated scholastic achievement, skill development, good character, leadership, honesty and responsibility. All candidates for membership in the Society must be approved by the local school administration and must meet local and national membership standards.

The college's Scholastic Recognition Committee has determined the standards for membership in the Honor Society. These standards are as follows:

Students must:

1. have been enrolled in a diploma or associate degree occupational/technical program
2. have completed at least 12 credits of a diploma program **or** 24 credits of an associate degree program
3. have completed the required credits with at least a 3.5 cumulative grade-point average
4. provide documentation of either:
  - a. community volunteer services, academic program internships or clinical experiences, or employment in an occupational area related to their academic pursuits, **or**
  - b. membership in an MATC student organization or community/fraternal organization that parallels their academic pursuits
5. submit the appropriate membership fee.

Continued membership in the MATC chapter of the National Technical Honor Society is contingent upon the member maintaining at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average throughout their MATC coursework, and on participating in at least two chapter service projects and at least one chapter fundraiser during the first year of membership, regardless of whether the member is enrolled at MATC.

## What People Are Saying About the NTHS:

"The National Technical Honor Society provides greater incentive to strive for excellence and contributes to the preparation of skilled, productive workers for today's and tomorrow's competitive labor market. As a result, we support your efforts."

*Charles H. Buzzell, Executive Director  
American Vocational Association*

"Vocational/technical students finally have a wonderful way to be honored for their academic achievements and professional qualities."

*Gail A. Addison, NTHS Advisor  
Albany Technical Institute*

"NTHS is right on target, its purposes are in perfect accord with the objectives of our organization. If it's excellence we are really striving for, then we must honor our outstanding people, from the shop floor to the top floor. These are the people who bring quality into the marketplace and add value to every product and service that we provide."

*Hal G. Warlick  
Society for Excellence in Business  
and Industry*