



## National English Honor Society Application The Odyssey Chapter

### Submission Deadlines:

**Pre-approved Project Proposal Form: June 15 (Requires a Minimum of 15 Hours)**

**Completed Application: September 30**

**Statement of Purpose:** The English Club and National English Honor Society seek to promote interest in English, literature, and the humanities among the Westlake High School community. The purpose of is to foster excellence in the English curriculum by advocating lifelong learning and active participation in the betterment of the Westlake school and community. Members will participate in school functions, maintain a unique forum for creative written expression, and volunteer for school and community activities. Students in grades 9 and 10 remain as general members of the club. Induction and status of NEHS is conferred only to qualified 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who meet the criteria and remain active.

**Club Activities:** Some English Honor activities include writing and reading for social reform, assisting in the development and organization of literary activities, attending seminars and literary events, and performing service to the English department.

### Requirements:

- Submit a short statement on the importance “English/Language Arts” in their lives and academic career, and why they seek membership in the honor society.
- Complete two years of high school English full -semester courses
- Maintain mastery (85) average in each English class offered through the English Department for each academic year. This also applies to elective classes offered through the department.
- Publish a minimum of three articles in local, regional, national, or international presses. One must be in a school publication.
- Participate in any writing, reading literature, and or speaking-based contest.
- Participate in or design at least one out-of-school, English/Literacy outreach service activity such as Reading for the Blind, Project Literacy, Read Across America, or develop an original program such as reading for the elderly. A project proposal must be pre-approved by the club advisor. See Attached Project Proposal Form.
- Complete the criteria form on page 3.
- After acceptance into the society, students must maintain an 85 average in English courses to remain as a member.
- Once inducted students must faithfully attend bi-monthly meetings to retain their NEHS status at graduation. Current freshman and sophomores must be active members before applying for induction.

**Please note:** The Westlake High School English Honor Society is just that, an *honor* society. Any member in any way found to be participating in plagiarism, other cheating in any way, or a violation of honor in any course will be immediately expelled from this honor society and forfeit all rights (including claiming membership for this society on college applications).

Questions: See Ms. Matthews

Candidate Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Rejected because of criteria 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

# English Honor Society

Please list any offices you have held; note the grade.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

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**Cover Page Please Type**

**Name (As you wish it to appear on the National English Honor Society Certificate):**

**Address:**

**Town:**

**Zip Code:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email Address:**

Westlake High School  
Westlake Drive  
Thornwood, NY 10594  
Phone: 914-769-8311  
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Advisor: Janet Matthews  
English Department  
Curriculum Leader

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to qualify student must meet all of the following criteria and provide evidence for each category.

Criteria	Yes	No	Evidence
1. Included cover page. Provided a statement on the importance "English/Language Arts" in your life and academic career, and why you seek membership in the Honor Society.			Attach cover page and typed statement. Statement is not to exceed 150 words.
2. Maintained mastery (85) average in each English class offered through the English Department for each academic year.			Provide signature of guidance counselor _____ Guidance Counselor's signature
3. Published a minimum of three articles in local, regional, national, or international presses while attending Westlake High School. One article is in a school publication.			<b>Staple a copy of three published articles to this application.</b> Provide name of publication, type of publication, and date of publication:  1. School publication: Name and date of article:  2. Publication Category: Publication: Name and date of article:  3. Publication Category: Publication: Name and date of article:
4. Participated in a writing, reading, literature, and/ or speaking-based contest/event.  Phone number for verification _____ or attach documentation to application.			Information in this category must be separate from information provided in Criteria #3. Provide: 1. Name of event:  2 Date of participation:  3 Signature of sponsor:
5. Participated in/or designed at least one out-of-school, English/Literacy based activity such as Reading for the Blind, Project Literacy, Read Across America, or developed an original program such as reading for the elderly. <u>Project proposal has been pre-approved and attached.</u> Phone Number for verification _____ or attach documentation to application.			Provide signed and completed pre-approved Project Proposal Form  1. Name of event:  2 Date of participation:  3 Signature of sponsor:
6. Participated as an active member of the organization before applying for induction.			Provide advisor's signature: _____
7. Returned application <b>directly</b> to <b>Advisor</b> by required deadline. Applications <i>will not be accepted after the application date</i> . Student acknowledges requirements for inducted members when submitting application.			Provide advisor's signature: _____  Application turned in on time:      Yes      No

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**Project Proposal Form – Please TYPE**  
**English Honor Society**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 1 – Pre-Approval**

*Your selection of a project should be significant and impact literacy growth/opportunities for your audience.*

**Title of Outreach Activity:**

**Description of activity:**

**Anticipated time necessary to complete activity: Please indicate when you will begin your project and estimate how many hours/months it will take for you to complete your project.**

**Anticipated Start Date:**

**Number of Hours:**

**Audience:**

**Anticipated literacy contribution to your audience:**

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**Advisor Pre-Approval**

**Date of Approval**

**Part 2**

**Upon completion of your project, please attach this form to your application with a summary statement of what you achieved. Be sure to include documentation; Include a picture of you at your site.**

**Summary Statement:**

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