

***National Achievers Society***  
***UCF Chapter***



**NATIONAL ACHIEVERS SOCIETY**

# ***History***

# Founder and Goals

- Group Achievement Model
- Increase pool of underrepresented minority students who are qualified, prepared, and motivated to enter higher education
- Incorporating the African American/Black Church



# Florida Education Fund

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# National Achievers Society

- 20,749 students since 1985  
(All of Florida)
- **UCF Chapter – As of 2023**
  - Over 50 active achievers
  - 100% enroll into college  
(over 4 years in a row)
  - 50% enroll in STEM  
related programs



**Membership**  
**Benefits**

# Parent Alliance

- Programming planning input
- Assisting with Induction Ceremonies
- Serve on committees and/or as chaperones



# Community Service





# Academic Enrichment and Career Awareness

- Monthly Meetings
- Alumni speakers and perspectives
- NAS Summit
- Activities



# Cultural Awareness



# College Planning



- College Tours
- College Readiness Workshops
- Hear from NAS Alumni



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# Group and Leadership Development

- *President*
- *Vice President*
- *Secretary*
- *Parliamentarian*
- *Historian*



# Awards and Incentives



- Brain Bowl Competition—Chance to win 4-year Scholarships!
- UCF Academic Achievement Scholarship
- End of Year Ceremony

# NAS Social Events



- Recognizing achievement through social activities

# **Application** **Requirements**

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- Must be a student enrolled between 4<sup>th</sup> - 9th grade at the time of application.
- Must have a minimum 3.0 weighted GPA
- Must meet the academic requirement of having at least (2) A grades and the rest B grades for the last three (3) consecutive grading periods.
- One (1) “C” grade may replace the “B” grade only in honors, gifted, or advanced placement class only.
- No D’s or F’s are permitted.
- Have no grades below a B in conduct (if applicable).





# Laws of Life Essay

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The *Laws of Life* are core values and ideals by which we live. Honesty, perseverance, and the Golden Rule all are examples of these universal “laws” that transcend religions, cultures, and national borders.

To be eligible for induction into the National Achievers Society (NAS), a potential inductee must complete and submit a 250-word (maximum) *Laws of Life Essay*. The *Laws of Life Essay* requirement offers a potential NAS member the opportunity to think about and communicate the principles that guide his or her life.

See online application packet for more details.

250 Word Maximum

# 2 Letters of Recommendation

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Students must be recommended by two adults, such as parent, teacher, counselor, pastor, principal, or other person; one **must** be a school official (homeschool exception). The **signed** letter of recommendation (or template provided below) must include the following information: Name of person nominating the student, name of candidate, description of the student's accomplishments, and the reason for the recommendation.

**\*Applicants who provide appropriate documentation of a completed community service project will be given priority in the application process.**

# Application Fee - \$75.00

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Must have a sponsor who pays a **\*NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF \$75.00\*** to cover jacket and dues for the first year. The sponsor may be an individual, parent, club, organization, or entity willing to pay the fee and be supportive of the Achiever. Eligible applicants not included may be inducted in a subsequent ceremony only. **No cash or personal checks accepted**, please make money orders, cashiers check, or business checks payable to: **UCF McKnight Center of Excellence**. Please note the **candidate's name on the payment**.

# Induction Ceremony

- Students must attend an induction ceremony to be officially admitted into the program



**Annual**  
**Requirements**

# 23-24 Annual Requirements:

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## Participation:

- Attend 3 Monthly Meetings-5 Meetings per year-Saturday (9am-11am @ UCF Downtown/Virtual)
- Attend and Participate in at least 3 UCF McKnight Center of Excellence Activities (College Tour, Community Service, NAS Summit, Induction Ceremony, Brain Bowl Competition)

## Yearly Dues:

- Submit yearly Achiever (\$25.00) **AND** Parent Alliance (\$25.00) Dues (*\*Achievers inducted the first year are exempt from \$25.00 due to one-time \$75.00 sponsorship fee.*)

## Report Cards:

- Submit report cards every grading period to UCF McKnight Center of Excellence and maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average

## Community Service:

- Submit 1 yearly report on completion of a community service project (Individual or Group)

## Code of Conduct:

- Uphold code of conduct and basic tenets of society which includes maintaining ***high standards of excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, and character.***

***\*\*Failure to adhere to the established requirements will result in the Achiever becoming Inactive in the Society.\*\****

*National Achiever Society Litany*

I am excellent.

I am excellent.

I am excellent.

My mind is a pearl.

I can do anything.

Anything that my mind can conceive

I can achieve.

Anything that my mind can conceive

and my heart can believe,

I can achieve.

I am excellent.

I am excellent.

I am a National Achiever!

# Questions?

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**Student Outreach  
Services**

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**“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to  
change the world.” – Nelson Mandela**