



UNIVERSITY OF  
CENTRAL FLORIDA

*National Achievers Society*



**NATIONAL ACHIEVERS SOCIETY**

*Fall 2023 – Application Guide*



## **National Achievers Society – 2023-2024 - Application Requirements & Information**

1. Must be a student enrolled in 4<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of application.
2. 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).
3. Students must be recommended by two adults, such as parent, teacher, counselor, pastor, principal, or other person; one must be a school official. 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.
4. Application must include a Laws of Life Essay (instructions below)
5. Applicants who provide appropriate documentation of a completed community service project will be given priority in the application process.
6. A \*NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF \$75.00\* to cover jacket and dues is required 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. Payment will be expected once/if student is inducted. The fee is not required during the application process.
7. Must officially participate in an Induction Ceremony to become a full-fledged member of the Society.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, October 6, 2023**

### **Fall 2023 - INDUCTION CEREMONY:**

Saturday, November 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Virtual application must be completed by the application deadline. Non-refundable \$75.00 Sponsorship fee will be required prior to induction ceremony.**

**Decisions will be sent via email provided on application at least 2 weeks prior to induction ceremony.**

**Laws of Life Essay**

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.

As you write your *Essay*, please select the quotation below that expresses a key value and/or ideal by which you live. Then explain why the chosen value/ideal is important to the way you live your life by discussing your experiences, lessons learned, and people who have served as living examples of your chosen value/ideal.

1. *In a world filled with hate, we must still dare to hope. In a world filled with anger, we must still dare to comfort. In a world filled with despair, we must still dare to dream. And in a world filled with distrust, we must still dare to believe.* --Michael Jackson
2. *The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.* --  
**Martin Luther King**
3. *Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.* --  
**Nelson Mandela**
4. *You can't let your failures define you. You have to let your failures teach you.* --  
**President of the United States of America Barack Obama**
5. *Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.* -**Malcolm X**
6. *Education must not only simply teach--it must teach life.* --**W. E. B. Dubois**
7. *Nothing ever comes to one that is worth having, except as a result of hard work.*  
--**Booker T. Washington**
8. *There are still many causes worth sacrificing for, so much history yet to be made.*  
-- **First Lady Michelle Obama**
9. *You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.* -**Maya Angelou**
10. *The kind of beauty I want most is the hard-to-get kind that comes from within--strength, courage, dignity.* -**Ruby Dee Davis**
11. *The world is before you and you need not take it or leave it as it was when you came in.* -**James Baldwin**
12. *The most important thing is to try and inspire people so they can be great at whatever they want to do.* - **Kobe Bryant**

**Recommendation Letter #1 National Achievers Society**  
University of Central Florida

*TEACHER, COUNSELOR, OR PRINCIPAL*

NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF RECOMMENDER: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ HOW LONG? \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

The student above is applying for admission to the National Achievers Society, open to students with excellent grades, and exemplary behavior, and who would benefit from events and activities designed to develop their leadership skills while giving back to their community. For more information, please visit [go.ucf.edu/NAS](http://go.ucf.edu/NAS). Please describe the accomplishments of this student and why you feel the student should be chosen as a member of the National Achievers Society. An additional Sheet may be used. References may be contacted for verification purposes or additional information.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* RETURN FORM TO STUDENT SO THEY MAY SUBMIT WITH  
APPLICATION \*\*

**Recommendation Letter #2 National Achievers Society**  
**University of Central Florida**

*TEACHER, COUNSELOR, OR PRINCIPAL*

NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF RECOMMENDER: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ HOW LONG? \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## NAS Application Checklist (for applicant reference)

**Website: [go.ucf.edu/NAS](http://go.ucf.edu/NAS)**

	Requirement	Criteria/Comments	Initial & Date
1	23-24 NAS Application	Must be a student enrolled in 4 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> grade at the time of the application.	
2	4 <sup>th</sup> grade – 9 <sup>th</sup> -grade report card. <b>Pass three consecutive REPORT CARDS</b> (no D's or F's are permitted the last 3 consecutive report cards). Progress reports do not count as report cards.	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).	
3	Two Adult Recommendation Letters	Students must be recommended by two adults, such as parent, teacher, counselor, pastor, principal, or other person; one must be a school official. <b>The recommendation 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.</b>	
5	Laws of Life Essay	Application must include a Laws of Life Essay (See 22-23 Virtual Application details)	
6	Sponsorship Fee	Must have a sponsor who pays a <b>*NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF \$75.00*</b> 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 are not included by being inducted in a subsequent ceremony only. No personal checks are accepted. <b><u>Please make money orders, cashier's check, or business checks payable to UCF McKnight Center of Excellence.</u></b> Please note the candidate's name on the payment. <b>NO CASH PAYMENT ACCEPTED.</b>	



## 2023-2024 NAS Participant Expectations

***All National Achievers Society Members are expected to adhere to the requirements listed below.***

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

1. \_\_\_ Attend Monthly Meetings (minimum 3 to remain active. Offering 5).
2. \_\_\_ Attend and Participate in at least (4) MCOE Activities such as College Readiness Workshops, Community Service, College Tour, Induction Ceremony, Cultural/Community Events. (Offering 5-6)
4. \_\_\_ Submit **Achiever dues** by end of September (\$25.00 per Achiever) ***(The \$75.00 sponsorship fee for new inductees covers this cost for the first year).***
5. \_\_\_ Submit **Parent Alliance dues** by end of September (\$25.00 per Household) (New Inductees are expected to submit this within the first few months of Induction to the NAS Parent Alliance Treasurer).
6. \_\_\_ Submit report cards every grading period.
7. \_\_\_ Maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average.
8. \_\_\_ Submit **Community Service Verification Form** by end of program year. (Individual or Group).
9. \_\_\_ Submit forms and requested information in a timely manner (FEF Application of Participation, Community Service Verification, Brain Bowl forms, Contact information updates, and Evaluations/Survey).
10. \_\_\_ Achievers are expected to uphold the code of conduct and the basic tenets of the society at all times.

***Please visit the website for more information [go.ucf.edu/NAS](http://go.ucf.edu/NAS)***

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