

JOIN A NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

National Achievers Society (NAS) is the National Urban League academic honor society. Open to students in grades 3-12, it promotes and rewards scholarship and academic achievement. Acceptance into NAS is a reflection of significant academic accomplishment. Students must earn all As or Bs, no Cs, unless they are in advanced or honors' courses. To learn more, read below. To join NAS contact the local NAS chapter in your community (see NAS chapters list at the end of this section).

NATIONAL ACHIEVERS SOCIETY

NAME

The National Achievers Society sponsored by the National Urban League and The Congress of National Black Churches in Collaboration with the Campaign for African American Achievement's Campaign Partners.

FOUNDING

The **Campaign for African American Achievement** was initiated in March 1997, when leaders of national Black organizations came together to review, analyze and plan to address the educational and developmental crises facing African-American children and youth of color. A component of the Campaign for African American Achievement is the National Achievers Society.

PURPOSE

The National Achievers Society seeks to encourage, recognize and reinforce achievement among African-American youth and other youth of color. The purpose of the National Achievers Society is to create a national group achievement presence in which young people can aspire and participate. The Society is designed to reduce drastically the negative peer pressure associated with academic achievement. Through identifying, nurturing and creating an environment in which motivation soars for young African Americans, it is believed that high academic achievement can grow and develop. The Society is also designed to draw nationwide attention to young African-Americans who demonstrate achievement in school, in their community and in their life.

NAS seeks to increase the pool of African-American and other students of color prepared and qualified to enter colleges and universities and the world of work. NAS seeks to identify and motivate these students by:

- Assuming a more proactive stance in the education of youth;
- Employing the development of a group achievement modality for African American elementary and secondary students;
- Increasing the pool of African American and other youth of color who are prepared, motivated, and qualified to enter higher education and the world of work.

One feature of NAS is the partnership between all sectors in the African-American community, especially our Campaign Partners. This partnership concept is a part of the agendas of many of the Black national organizations. Thanks to the League, African-American communities will be afforded the opportunity to make this kind of cooperative venture between all sectors in our communities a visible and successful reality.

Each spring since 1998, youth from around the country have been "inducted" into the Society at ceremonies held in Black churches throughout the country via Urban League affiliates and Florida Centers of Excellence.

CRITERIA

The National Achievers Society is open to students who are:

- In grades 3-12;
- Making all A's or all B's, no C's, unless they are in advanced or honor's courses;
- Sponsored by an adult who will serve as a mentor or role model in the achiever's life;
- Recognized for artistic talents and winning competitions at regional, state, or national levels;
- Students may be inducted based upon semester-by-semester grades.

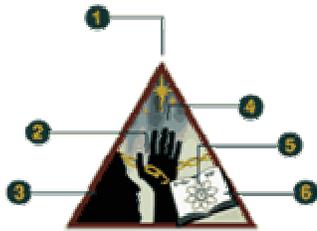
AWARDS

Each student who is inducted into the Society will receive a National Achievers Society jacket, pin, and/or certificate

SPONSORS

Prior to each induction, each applicant should have a sponsor that will, at minimum, pay induction cost for the applicant and serve as an ongoing positive role model and mentor for the applicant. Sponsors can be a parent, other adult, or organization that is interested in the positive development and achievement of youth. The induction and jacket fee will be no more than \$50.00.

NAS LITANEY & LOGO



The National Achievers Society 'Logo' contains symbolism, stylization and design. The logo is styled in a way as to reflect symbols, which are the embodiment of the African form and substance.

1. An important pattern often seen in African art is the pyramid or triangular design. The pyramid symbolizes achievement-the promise with everything leading to-the top the best. The pyramids of Egypt represent the historical base from which strong people emerged.
2. The breaking of chains of slavery has a physical and psychological meaning. Even though the Emancipation Proclamation technically freed Blacks in 1863, many minorities remain trapped by an enslaved mind. A liberating education process unlocks the enormous potential of intellect.
3. The black silhouette of a human being symbolizes the unbroken chain of Africans to African-Americans who provided the base upon which potential strong people rest.
4. A hand reaching the stars in the apex of the logo exemplifies the following quote: "it is not a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for." -Dr. Benjamin Mays
5. The atomic symbol in the book represents technology and the future. Members of the National Achievers Society will carry forth the best the Community has to offer in terms of a contribution of the betterment of the human race.
6. The book in the lower right hand corner symbolizes learning as a liberating experience. This has represented the most route for upward mobility for minorities. The equation $E + Q = EQ$ means that equality plus quality equal opportunity and excellence for all.

To apply for membership in NAS or to learn more, contact the National Urban League's Education and Youth Division at 212 558-5487.

NATIONAL ACHIEVERS SOCIETY CHAPTERS

Affiliate/Organization	City, State
Baltimore Urban League	Baltimore, MD
Birmingham Urban League	Birmingham, AL
Broome County Urban League	Binghamton, NY
Chattanooga Area Urban League	Chattanooga, TN
Columbia Urban League	Columbia, SC
Columbus Urban League	Columbus, OH
Dallas Urban League	Dallas, TX
Fort Wayne Urban League	Fort Wayne, IN
Greater Washington Urban League	Washington, DC
Houston Area Urban League	Houston, TX
Indianapolis of Urban League	Indianapolis, IN
Jacksonville Urban League	Jacksonville, FL
Louisville Urban League	Louisville, KY
Madison County Urban League	Alton, IL
Metropolitan Tulsa Urban League	Tulsa, OK
Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League	Wilmington, DE
Milwaukee Urban League	Milwaukee, WI
New York Urban League	New York, NY
Northern Virginia Urban League	Alexandria, VA
Quad County Urban League	Aurora, IL
San Diego Urban League	San Diego, CA
Springfield Urban League	Springfield, IL
Tacoma Urban League	Tacoma, WA
Tampa/Hillsborough Urban League	Tampa, FL
Triangle Urban League	Raliegh, NC

Trident Urban League	Charleston, SC
Urban League of Broward County	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Urban League of Champaign County	Champaign, IL
Urban League of Essex County	Newark, NJ
Urban League of Flint	Flint, MI
Urban League of Greater Cleveland	Cleveland, OH
Urban League of Greater Kansas City	Kansas City, MO
Urban League of Greater of Miami	Miami, FL
Urban League of Lancaster County, Inc.	Lancaster, PA
Urban League of Long Island, Inc	Central Islip, NY
Urban League of Metropolitan Trenton	Trenton, NJ
Urban League of New Orleans	New Orleans, LA
Urban League of Northwest Indiana	Gary, IN
Urban League of Palm Beach County	West Palm Beach, FL
Urban League of Pikes Peak Region	Colorado Springs, CO
Urban League of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA
Urban League of South Bend & St. Joseph County	South Bend, IN
Urban League of Springfield	Springfield, MA

CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

Atlantic Coast Center of Excellence Fort Lauderdale, FL

Hillsborough County Center of Excellence Tampa, FL

Homestead Center of Excellence Homestead, FL

North Florida Center of Excellence Lake City, FL

Northwest Florida Center of Excellence Pensacola, FL

Palm Beach County Center of Excellence Riviera Beach, FL

Pasco-Hernando Center of Excellence Dade City, FL

Santa Fe Community Center of Excellence Gainesville, FL

South Florida Center of Excellence Miami, FL

St. Petersburg College Center of Excellence St. Petersburg, FL

Tallahassee Coalition Center of Excellence Tallahassee, FL

University of Central Florida Center of Excellence Orlando, FL

CAMPAIGN PARTNERS CHAPTER

Grace Baptist Church Mount Vernon, NY
(CNBC Affiliated)