

# APPLICATION FOR THE NATIONAL ACHIEVERS SOCIETY



**SANTA FE COLLEGE  
CENTER OF EXCELLENCE  
AT GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA**

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COLLEGE**

**NATIONAL ACHIEVERS SOCIETY  
SANTA FE COLLEGE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE  
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PHONE: (352) 381-7086 or (352) 395-5955**

*"It is not your environment. It is you. The quality of your minds, the integrity of your words, the determination of your wills that will decide your future and shape your lives." -Dr. Benjamin Mays*

The Santa Fe College Chapter of the National Achievers Society is under the auspices of The Florida Education Fund. Hundreds of young African-American students are honored to be inducted into this prestigious society and follow in the footsteps of our great African-American leaders.

Inductees are students who demonstrate achievement academically and socially by maintaining "A" and "B" grades and adhering to excellence in behavior so they are role models for others.

The goal of the sponsors and Parent Association is to continue to provide these Achievers with educational and cultural opportunities to enhance and maximize their potential in maintaining excellence and in becoming leaders of tomorrow. This will be achieved through student leadership, workshops, opportunities for leading activities and meetings, peer tutoring and counseling, educational trips and conferences, focusing on culture and historically related subjects, test preparation, pre-college prep workshops, college tours, active parent participation at workshops, and other student-sponsored activities.

Achievers, parents, and sponsors are expected to participate in local, and state, and national conferences. Monthly meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month (except July and August), in SFC's North Campus to facilitate the attendance of all Achievers and their parents. Active participation by parents is encouraged because "It takes a village to raise a child."

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

**THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND BE IN THE KINDERGARTEN (K) THROUGH THE TENTH (10TH) GRADE.**

***All students must meet the academic requirement of two (2) "A" grades and all the rest "B" grades for the last 3 grading periods.*** A "C" grade may replace the "B" grade only in advanced level or honor's courses indicated as such on **their report card**. Also, no grades below "B" are accepted in conduct. **"High School students must have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average with no grade lower than a 'C' except in one honor, gifted, or advanced placement class."** Since there are four grading periods for an academic year, a student has several opportunities to meet the requirements. **ONLY THE FIRST THIRTY (30) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

## **EXPECTATIONS**

Students inducted into the National Achievers Society are required to fulfill specific academic, social and participatory expectations. These expectations are to help students maintain their standard of distinction and to prepare them to take an active role in their communities. The grades earned by Achievers must be a sign of their excellence. Achievers must:

1. Maintain an average grade of "B" or a 3.0 GPA in both the academic and behavioral aspects of their school records. This will be verified using the Achiever's report cards.
2. Attend the National Achievers Society's monthly meetings and a supplemental activity each semester.
3. Attend all voluntary activities organized by the society.
4. Attend tutoring sessions.
5. Participate in the Annual State Conference in the Spring Semester.
6. Parents must be active members of The Santa Fe College Achievers Parents Association.

## **THE NATIONAL ACHIEVERS SPONSOR**

The student **must** have a sponsor who may be an individual [includes parent(s)], a club, or an organization. In addition to paying the \$80.00 sponsor's fee for the student's National Achievers jacket, the sponsor will serve as a positive influence to the student, take part in the student's induction ceremony and remain as a mentor to the Achiever through college.

## **THE INDUCTION CEREMONY**

The induction ceremony is highly specialized to the National Achievers Society. The student must participate in the induction ceremony in order to become a National Achiever. Inductions are normally scheduled once a year: in the Spring (April or May). See application for the specific date. At the induction ceremony, each student is highlighted individually. The student is introduced and a description of their accomplishments or interests follows. At this time, the sponsor initiates the Achiever by placing the jacket on the student. At the close of the ceremony, the Achievers pledge their allegiance to the Society. Parents/students are expected to mail into the office, the Achiever's academic report after each grading period. Tutoring is available at various locations to assist Achievers to maintain their "A", "B" grades.

## **THE NATIONAL ACHIEVERS JACKET**

National Achievers are students to be recognized for their continued accomplishments. One of the most prestigious forms of recognition is the wearing of a National Achievers jacket. The jacket symbolizes the excellence of the student wearing it, as well as signifying the student as a role model. **(Cost of the jacket is included in the \$80.00 sponsor's fee).**

## **THE APPLICATION**

Students must complete an application for the National Achievers Society, indicating some personal information. They must also complete a medical form and a transcript release form.

Two recommendations must also accompany the application. One recommendation may be from some clergy or other community leader (not related to the applicant); the other must be from a teacher, counselor, or principal at the student's school. **(Family members cannot make recommendations.)**

A copy of the student's transcript or grade report must also accompany each application in order to be considered. Refer to the top of the application for specific grade reporting periods to submit. If consideration is based on artistic contribution, supporting documentation should be attached as described in "qualifications." A community service will also be required prior to induction. This form will be explained and given to you if you are selected.

An **\$80.00 money order/bank check** should also be **included with the application** for the cost of the student's National Achievers jacket. **This application fee is non-refundable.**

Once an application package is received at the Center of Excellence, it is reviewed for completeness. The completed package should include: application, recommendations, transcript, medical form, transcript release form, and money order/bank check. The student will then be advised by E-mail of his or her eligibility.

**DUE TO DETAILED PREPARATIONS, NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

**APPLICATION FOR  
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SANTA FE COLLEGE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE**

**Application package must be COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE COE OFFICE NO LATER THAN [February 28, 2014]. Grades for this induction must be for the last two grading periods of the 2013-2014 school year and the first grading period of the 2013-2014 school year.**

1. SFC processes complete applications only. Your application cannot be processed if any information is missing.
2. Mail completed application directly to SFC. Although your counselor/liaison may review your application package; **you must mail the application directly to our office.** Hand deliveries will be accepted.
3. The due date is the date the application must be in our office. No late applications will be accepted after [February 28, 2014]. Mail application as soon as possible and allow at least one (1) week for applications to reach our office.
4. **Attach a \$80.00 money order/bank check payable to SFC (no personal checks accepted).**
5. Attach a copy of students' grades (report card) for the grading period shown above, or attach performance documentation. **Please do not ask school to forward grades separately.**
6. As a note, candidates must attend the induction ceremony to be active Achievers.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail (student) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Gender  Male  Female Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a permanent resident, provide a copy of your Resident Alien Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MDCPS ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ School Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Enrollment: Regular  Gifted  Honors  AP  Dual Enrollment   
 Special Education  Graduation Yr. \_\_\_\_\_

Special Honors: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are you enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program at your school?  Yes  No

Do you plan to attend college?  Yes  No If yes, what major? \_\_\_\_\_



**SPONSOR INFORMATION**

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. and Street Apt. City State Zip Code

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

List areas of interest or clubs to which you belong:

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List awards you have received in the past year:

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What do you want to be/do after you graduate from college?

\_\_\_\_\_

**JACKET SIZE: Check the size (Jackets run a little small; if in doubt order the next size-see page 10)**

Small  Medium  Large  X Large  XX Large

***NAME YOU WISH TO APPEAR ON YOUR JACKET***

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(PLEASE PRINT - ONE NAME ONLY)**

**STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION**

1. Does student currently have any special health problems? No  Yes

(Explain) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is student currently on any type of medication? No  Yes

3. Nearest relative or friend not living with you:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Relationship Home Phone

In case of injury or accident while participating in the Center of Excellence's activities, I hereby authorize the Center of Excellence staff to obtain and authorize medical treatment for my child. I also understand that I am responsible for any fees that are incurred for medical treatment for my son/daughter.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION RELEASE**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby grant permission to the Santa Fe College Center of Excellence, to receive copies of my child's report cards. I understand that these records are confidential, and will be used only in support of my child's education. I promise to do all I can to remain involved with my child's education to assist him or her in maintaining excellence.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

1. Completed application form.
2. Two (2) Recommendations: — 1. Teacher, Counselor or Principal;  
2. Clergy or other Community Leader.
3. Student's Transcript/Grade Reports - 2 "A's", the rest "B's". Note that "C" grade may replace "B" only in advanced level or honor's courses indicated as such on the report card.
4. Information Release Form.
5. Medical Information.
6. Attach money order / bank check payable to **SANTA FE COLLEGE. NO PERSONAL CHECKS ARE ACCEPTED.**
7. **RETURN TO:**

**Harriet M. Stafford and John S. Cowart**  
**Santa Fe College**  
**Center of Excellence**  
**Northwest Campus**  
**Building I Room 41**  
**Gainesville, Florida 32606**  
**Phone Number (352)381-7086 or (352)395-5955**  
**E-Mail: [harriet.stafford@sfcollge.edu](mailto:harriet.stafford@sfcollge.edu)**  
**Fax: (352) 395-7395**





**STUDENT RECOMMENDATION FOR THE  
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SANTA FE COLLEGE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE**

***(CLERGY OR OTHER COMMUNITY LEADER)***

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

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PERSON MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

*To the person making the recommendation: Please describe the accomplishments of the student and/or give the reasons you feel the student should become a member of the National Achievers Society.*

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Signature of person making recommendation \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* \* RETURN FORM TO STUDENT SO (S)HE CAN SUBMIT WITH APPLICATION \* \***

**SUGGESTED SIZES FOR THE NATIONAL ACHIEVERS JACKETS**

<b><u>GRADE</u></b>	<b><u>SIZE</u></b>
1 <sup>ST</sup> – 3 <sup>RD</sup>	ADULT X-SMALL
4 <sup>TH</sup>	ADULT SMALL
5 <sup>TH</sup>	ADULT SMALL
6 <sup>TH</sup>	ADULT MEDIUM
7 <sup>TH</sup>	ADULT MEDIUM
8 <sup>TH</sup>	ADULT MEDIUM
9 <sup>TH</sup>	ADULT LARGE
10 <sup>TH</sup>	ADULT XL

XX sizes are available if requested. Add \$7.00 to your money order if this is needed.

**Statement of Equal Access/Equal Opportunity**

Santa Fe College is committed to an environment that embraces diversity, respects the rights of all individuals, is open and accessible, and is free of harassment and discrimination based on, but not limited to, ethnicity, race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, veteran status and/or sexual orientation.