

NAEHS

National Adult Education Honor Society

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Honor your graduates!
Build their self-esteem!
Help them gain employment!

WHO ARE WE?

We are an honor society for adult learners. We work with schools and programs to provide meaningful recognition to deserving adult education students, to improve student employment opportunities, to develop student ambassadors for local adult education programs, and to create adult education awareness with school administrators and state legislators.





How did we start?

In 1991, Lloyd Weaver an Adult Education practitioner organized the first NAEHS induction ceremony to provide meaningful recognition to 17 deserving adult students. One student he was amazed by in particular was one elderly lady, a single parent with a quadriplegic daughter and a full-time job in a textile plant, who had vowed years before to return to school to complete her high school education. On her third attempt, she was finally able to earn a GED. Other students had also demonstrated remarkable perseverance in achieving their educational goals and were included in that first celebration.

With 17 printed certificates, an "Induction Ceremony" was held for the honorees and their families. Everyone who witnessed that first ceremony was impressed by the impact it had upon the honorees and their families. The local press ran a story and soon other practitioners called for information about this new honor society.

Following that first small ceremony, it was decided to award lapel pins and letters of recommendation for employment along with the NAEHS membership certificates. Within a few years, other practitioners around the state were conducting NAEHS inductions for their better students. Word spread, and as they say, "The rest is history."

WHY IS RECOGNIZING ADULT EDUCATION STUDENTS SO IMPORTANT?

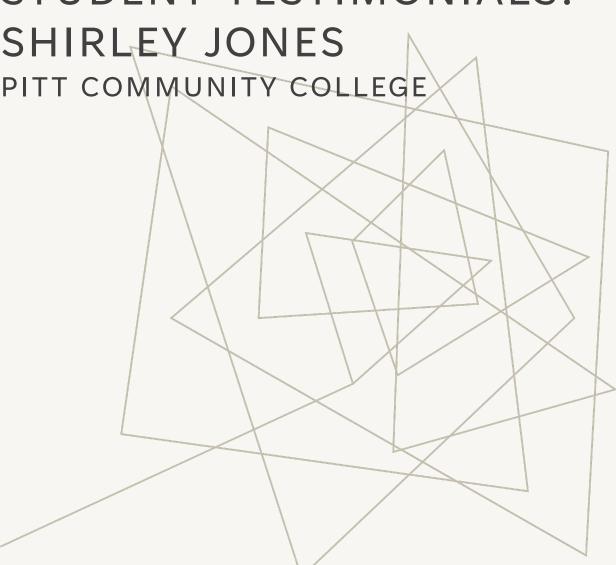
- Assistance with Gaining Employment: NAEHS members have an advantage on job applications and promotions due to NAEHS recommendation.
- Increased Self-Esteem: NAEHS members gain the pride and of knowing they have accomplished something great and are encouraged to keep aspiring to be a lifelong learner.





 NAEHS members help to spread the word that education is important! Some Adult Education directors arrange for NAEHS members to speak to high-risk high-schoolers about staying in school, to share best Adult Education practices with practitioners, and serve on Adult Education advisory councils, etc.

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS:





"Shirley Jones is a student at Pitt Community College working to get her GED. At age 84, she is also one of the newest members of the National Adult Education Honor Society. Shirley said she is proving that there is no timeline to success." (WNC-TV Abigail Valez)

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS: SALVADOR ESCOBEDO





"When 84-year old Salvador Escobedo, shown with his teacher Evelyn Steptoe, first enrolled in Harris County Department of Education's adult education program, he had a fourth grade education. Now, he mentors students in their 20s" (https://www.chron.com/neighborhood/pasadena/news/article/South-Houston-student-84-has-message-You-re-10819311.php).







- 8 1/2 x 11 NAEHS certificate suitable for framing: The certificate has an embossed gold seal, his/her name, Adult Education Program, date of award and is signed by school personnel.
- NAEHS Lapel Pin: Part of the new members' induction may include a "Pinning Ceremony", often the highlight of the induction ceremony, by having a family member or teacher do the honors.
- A letter of recommendation for employment from their NAEHS chapter: Students should be encouraged to attach a copy of this letter when seeking employment or promotion. The letter emphasizes demonstrated dependable attendance work ethic.
- A letter of recommendation for financial assistance: This letter is for if the NAEHS member should want to continue their education. This letter emphasizes attributes that demonstrate a potential for success in an educational environment.
- Each year, your program will receive a roster showing all the students who were inducted into the National Adult Education Honor Society. This roster, when displayed in your building, will encourage others to strive for NAEHS membership and be a source of pride for all honorees.











PRICING



ONE TIME NEW
CHARTER FEE
\$100

STUDENT MATERIALS \$15 STUDENT SHIPPING AND PROCESSING

\$35 PER ORDER



GETTING STARTED

- 1. If you would like to sign up at the 2024 Summer Symposium, please fill out the Charter Application Form in this packet and give it to Elizabeth Luciano, NAEHS Director. Any signups in person will receive 50% off the one-time new charter fee. (Payment does not have to be made in person. An invoice will be sent)
- 2. If you would like to start a charter at a later date, go to naehs.org and fill out a charter application form. We will reach out via email to get you started on starting your NAEHS charter!



FAQ

MATERIALS?

| ARE THERE ANNUAL DUES? | No! To start a charter, it is just a one time fee of \$100. This fee covers a banner and official charter certificate. (If you sign up during the 2024 Summer Symposium, your |
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| CAN OUR CHARTER NOMINATE STUDENTS AT ANY TIME? | Charter will receive 50% that one-time fee.) Yes. Once you become a chapter, you can nominate students at any time. All you have to do is order student materials through us and set up an induction ceremony (if you choose to have a ceremony) |
| DO STUDENTS PAY FOR MEMBERSHIPS? | No. Schools induct students and pay for those memberships. Many schools use grants or reach out to civic groups in their area to sponsor students. |
| DO YOU SELL STUDENT STOLES OR ANY OTHER GRADUATION MATERIALS BESIDES THE STUDENT PACKETS AND PINS? | We do not currently offer stoles or any other materials besides student packets and pins, but it is something that we hope to offer soon! |
| HOW CAN MY SCHOOL PAY FOR | NAEHS accepts checks, online payment with credit card through our invoice system, and purchase orders. |

ANY QUESTIONS?

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