



## KHS QUILL AND SCROLL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFITS

Quill and Scroll is the national journalism high school honor society, founded in 1926. The Kempner chapter was founded in 1991. Meetings are held monthly and are conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. Officers will be elected in April for the following year; officers are expected to attend a monthly officers' meeting in addition to the general meeting.

### Why join Quill and Scroll?

Q&S recognizes leadership and exemplary performance from journalism students nationwide through contests and college scholarship opportunities. Kempner students can earn a letter jacket and/or an honor cord to be worn onstage at graduation (FBISD only allows a small number of national honor society cords to be worn).

### Membership timeline

<b>Invitation to join (January)*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All sophomores, juniors or seniors who earn a 90 or above during the first semester of any journalism class will be invited to join</li><li>• New member must have the equivalent of a B grade average either for the year of their election or for the cumulative total of all high school work</li><li>• All new members must pay a national initiation fee of \$26 by April 1 and pay for their t-shirt by the deadline in order to be in good standing</li></ul>
<b>Earning a letter jacket (various times throughout the year)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must be a Quill and Scroll member in good standing (see below)</li><li>• Must have earned at least 50 points</li></ul>
<b>Earning a graduation honor cord (June of senior year)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Met all requirements for earning a letter jacket</li><li>• Has maintained membership since induction without a lapse</li><li>• Has paid the national \$10 fee for an honor cord by April 1 of senior year</li></ul>

\*new members only

### Maintaining good standing

- Members must earn at least 25 points per semester by participating in journalism-related contests and club volunteer activities (new members must earn 20 points their first semester)
- Must maintain a term average of 90 or higher in all journalism classes
- Members must follow the KHS Press twitter feed ([https://twitter.com/khs\\_press](https://twitter.com/khs_press))
- Members must join the KHS Quill and Scroll remind by texting @khsquill to 81010
- New members must pay national membership dues of \$26 by April 1 of induction year.
- New & returning members must pay annual KHS membership dues of \$20 by first meeting in September. Dues include organization shirt.

## **Officers**

Officers will be elected in April for the following year. Officer responsibilities are as follows:

### **President**

- Preside over meetings
- Appoint committees
- Coordinate and plan chapter activities
- Represent the chapter at official school functions

### **Vice President**

- Manage all committees and membership activities, including induction, graduation and the end-of-year banquet
- Research, create and manage all volunteer activities for the chapter
- Identify need for fundraising activities, and create and implement all fundraising activities

### **Secretary**

- Prepare and post the agendas of all meetings
- Prepare and post all minutes
- Maintain any chapter correspondence

### **Publicity and Opportunity Coordinator**

- Manage upcoming point-earning opportunities
- Research new opportunities for earning points
- Provide social media posts for sponsor to post to communicate to members & the school at large
- Ensure point-earning opportunities are clearly communicated to members
- Maintain and present reports on member point-earning status

## **Earning and submitting points**

All members need to earn at least 25 points per semester to remain in good standing. Members who earn more than 25 points per semester may roll them over to the following semester to total 50 points earned per year. Members need to submit their points with documentation online within two weeks of earning them.

- 5 points for every entry submitted into a non-UIL or ILPC writing, photography or video contest
  - 10 points for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place, 5 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3 points for 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 5 points per contest, per meet for participating in ILPC or UIL journalism feature writing, headline writing, news writing, editorial writing or copy editing
  - 10 points for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place, 5 points for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 points for 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - 10 points for winning district
  - 5 points for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> or lower in district AND advancing
  - 15 points for winning regionals
  - 10 points for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> or lower in regionals AND advancing
  - 30 points for winning 1<sup>st</sup> at state, 25 points for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 20 points for 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 1 point for every meeting attended
- 1 point for every volunteer hour worked
- 10 points per year for taking an additional journalism class
- 5 points per year for serving as an officer
- Other opportunities as determined by membership and announced in meetings.

**Amendment: Re-Establishment 22-23**

- Current editors and leaders on a publications staff will be eligible for membership beginning September 2022, provided they meet the national GPA and KHS journalism grade requirements based on previous journalism coursework and their prior year GPA.
- Early members will be charged with holding an officer position and establishing full protocols, point systems and bylaws.