

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 August 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

Application to join (August)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All sophomores, juniors or seniors who earned a 90 or above during the first semester of any journalism class will be able to apply to join• New members 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• Applications must turned in by September 1st• New members must pay the 40\$ dues by September 15th
Earning a letter jacket (various times throughout the year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a Quill and Scroll member in good standing (see below)• Must have earned at least 25 points (after one semester of membership)
Earning a graduation honor cord (May of Senior Year Only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Met all requirements for earning a letter jacket• Has maintained membership since induction without a lapse

Maintaining good standing

- Members must earn at least 25 points per semester by participating in journalism-related activities and club volunteer opportunities.
- Must maintain a average GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Members must join the KHS Quill and Scroll remind by texting CODE: khsquill to 81010.
- New members must pay national membership dues of \$40 by September 1 of induction year.
- Members that get in during the second semester must maintain above a 90 average in their current journalism course.

KHS QUILL AND SCROLL DUTIES AND GUIDELINES

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

President

- Lead and preside over all chapter meetings
- Assign duties to officers and oversee their execution
- Select officers for both the current year and the incoming year
- Coordinate chapter events such as inductions, workshops, and ceremonies
- Serve as the primary representative of the chapter at school and community events
- Collaborate with officers and sponsors to make decisions regarding membership status and disciplinary matters

Vice President

- Assist the President in planning and organizing chapter activities
- Lead efforts to recruit and engage new members throughout the year
- Coordinate any special events such as end of year party.
- Identify opportunities for member involvement and leadership development
- Track member points and ensure point-earning opportunities are communicated and managed

Secretary

- Prepare and distribute agendas and minutes for all meetings
- Maintain accurate records of chapter correspondence and documentation
- Manage communication with members regarding meetings, deadlines, and events
- Keep an organized archive of all chapter records and materials

Publicity and Opportunity Coordinator

- Promote Quill and Scroll events and achievements through social media, newsletters, and school announcements
- Research and share opportunities for members to earn points through journalism, writing, and community service
- Develop strategies to increase member engagement and chapter visibility
- Prepare regular reports on member participation and point accumulation for officers and sponsors

Treasurer

- Manage all chapter financial records and transactions
- Collect and track membership dues and fundraising contributions
- Develop fundraising initiatives to support chapter activities and awards
- Work with officers to budget for events, publications, and other expense

•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.

- Volunteering at chapter-given community service events - 5 points per event
- Attending chapter meetings and actively participating - 2 points per meeting
- Taking an additional journalism class - 10 points
- Serving as an officer - 5 points
- Other opportunities as determined by membership and announced in meetings

Consequences for not earning all points for Quill and Scroll

Should a student fail to meet the full criteria for Quill and Scroll membership—specifically by not attaining all required points—they will not be eligible for induction into the honor society.

Underclassmen members risk membership, however may be able to return up to the discretion of leadership or sponsor. Senior members will be unable to graduate with the Quill and Scroll cord

Membership Forfeiture

Members may lose Quill and Scroll membership due to reasons below.

Academic Dishonesty

- Plagiarism, including the misuse of generative AI (e.g., passing off AI-generated work as original reporting or writing), violates journalistic ethics and academic integrity.
- Fabrication of information, quotes, or sources is grounds for immediate dismissal.

Inappropriate Behavior or Conduct

- Any behavior that reflects poorly on the values of Quill and Scroll—such as bullying, harassment, discrimination, or disrespect toward peers, faculty, or publication staff—may lead to removal.
- Social media misconduct or public actions are taken seriously

Violation of School or Program Rules

- Students involved in serious disciplinary issues at school, such as suspension for misconduct, may be reviewed for possible removal.
- Repeated failure to follow publication guidelines or directives from faculty advisers may also warrant dismissal.

Failure to Maintain Academic or Editorial Standards

- A significant drop in academic performance or ongoing failure to meet publication responsibilities may result in probation or dismissal.

Attendance and Punctuality

- Consistently being late or not attending Quill & Scroll events can lead to termination of membership. Your attendance is mandatory for points; failure to obtain points results in immediate removal.

Forfeiture Process

Individuals who fail to accumulate the required points or commit any of the actions listed above will be reviewed by the officers and sponsor regarding their membership status. They will be scheduled for a meeting with the officers and sponsor to explain their actions. Based on the severity of the offense, the officers and sponsor will determine whether the explanation is reasonable. If the explanation is considered reasonable, the individual may be placed on probation. However, a second offense while on probation will result in immediate termination of membership. Termination will result in removal from the Quill and Scroll system, forfeiture of membership, and—if the individual is a senior—disqualification from receiving the graduation cord. Additionally, any offense that violates school or district policies will be subject to further disciplinary action.

Questions

Questions regarding membership status, or forfeiture should be answered by either the president or sponsor.

Questions regarding points should be answered by the vice president.

Questions regarding meetings and information from the meetings should be answered by the secretary.

Questions regarding membership activities should be answered by the opportunity coordinator.

Questions regarding finances should be answered by the treasurer.

Amendment: Re-Establishment 26-27

- Beginning August 2026, individuals who meet the Quill and Scroll membership requirements will be eligible for membership beginning September 2026.
- New chapter leadership will be selected by the outgoing officers from the previous year. These appointed leaders will be responsible for establishing full protocols, point systems and bylaws.

