

# GERMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

## LETTER JACKET GUIDELINES

It is possible to earn a letter jacket (or an additional letter if you already have a jacket) through the Clements German National Honor Society (GNHS). The requirements for qualifying for a letter are outlined below. There are usually several letter-jacket ordering windows throughout the year; deadlines for each window will be announced in class.

### Requirements

In order to qualify in a given year for a letter through GNHS, a student must, by the relevant deadline, ...

1. ...be a member in good standing of the Clements GNHS. (This automatically entails membership in the German Club, as that is a condition of membership in GNHS. Further requirements for good standing in GNHS are completion of at least three semesters of German, payment of yearly dues, completion of at least five service hours per year, maintenance of at least a 90 average of all semester grades in all GERMAN courses taken over the years (or a non-weighted 3.6 GPA in all German courses), and maintenance of at least an 80 average of all semester grades in ALL high-school courses taken over the years (or a non-weighted 3.0 overall GPA).
2. ...be enrolled in the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
3. ...be enrolled in German III or higher. (If the student drops German for the spring semester, he/she cannot receive a letter.)
4. ...have accumulated at least 30 GNHS service hours during his/her high-school career. (Doing the minimum 5 required hours per year is not enough; in order to reach 30, the student must go beyond the minimum requirements.)
5. ...have accumulated at least 50 German participation points (excluding service hours) during his/her high-school career. The following is a guide to how participation points can be earned, but it is not necessarily exhaustive:
  - a. 12 points – full participation in a GAPP exchange program, i.e., traveling to Germany AND hosting a partner.
  - b. 6 points – partial participation in a GAPP exchange program (traveling to Germany only).
  - c. 4 points – partial participation in a GAPP exchange program (hosting a partner only).
  - d. 3 points – attending a Deutscher Samstag/German Immersion Day.
  - e. 2 points – attending an off-campus outing or social, organized by the German Club or GNHS, that has some relation to German language or culture, e.g., the symphony or opera, a concert of German music, a German restaurant, a German-language movie, a museum or an exhibition, an Oktoberfest, a German Christmas market, a holiday party, a cook-out with German-style food, etc.
  - f. 2 points – competing at the annual Farrington Contest sponsored by the Houston Area Teachers of Foreign Language.
  - g. 1 point – attending an off-campus outing, organized by the German Club or the GNHS, for the simple purpose of having fun, i.e., with no cultural or lingual connection to German, e.g., ice-skating, laser tag, etc.
  - h. 1 point – attending (and staying until the **end** of) an on-campus German Club or GNHS meeting, including meetings centered around special events such as scavenger hunts, baking, movies, officer elections, etc.
  - i. 1 point – qualifying for AND completing the application process (including the oral interview) for the AATG/PAD study trip to Germany by scoring in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher on the National German Exam.
  - j. 1 point – attending a German Club Stammtisch meeting for at least one hour.
  - k. 1 point – attending the annual German banquet or German NHS induction dinner.
  - l. Fundraisers: procedures for awarding points will be announced for each particular fundraiser.
  - m. Houstonfest (regional German contest): 1 point for each event in which the student actually competes (except for folk dance and play, which are worth 2 points each because of the intensive preparation involved), plus an additional point for each event in which the student places in the top five (including folk dance and play).
  - n. Texas State German Contest: 5 points for qualifying for state in one or more events AND attending the state competition, plus an additional point for each event in which the student places in the top five.