

Sample Program

(The following sample candle lighting program was written by NTHS Advisors from Tulsa Technology Center, Dr. J. Burgess & Ms. N. Brekenridge.)

On the stage or platform is a table with eight candles. One candle is a different color (preferably white) representing the light of knowledge. The other seven candles (preferably purple) surround the white candle and represent the seven attributes of membership -skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

The director, advisor, and other designated individuals file on stage and remain standing. After the first year, chapter officers will participate in the processional. The inductees enter from the back of the room and remain standing at their chairs in a designated area at the front. Everyone then sits and greetings are extended to school administrators, staff, guests, and inductees. The superintendent and director give welcomes from the district and campus. The advisor announces that the ceremony will begin.

A school official informs the audience of the goal of NTHS. "The goal of the society is to see that deserving technical students be recognized and that people of the community become aware of the talents and abilities of the young people and adults who choose technical education pathways to a successful future."

Another official reads the purpose of the organization.

The colors, emblem, insignia and motto are explained.

The light of knowledge and the seven attributes of membership are presented and a candle is lit to represent each. Candles are lit following the below explanations.

"In the center of the table is a lighted candle representing **KNOWLEDGE**. Knowledge is familiarity, awareness, or understanding gained through experience or study. This candle represents the knowledge you have gained through experience and study in your technical program."

"The first member attribute is **SKILL**.

"**SKILL** is the use of knowledge to develop great ability and expertness necessary to make a positive difference in a particular occupational field. I light this candle to represent skill.

"The second member attribute is **HONESTY**:

"**HONESTY** is the quality of being truthful, trustworthy, and fair with everyone while at work or play. Light this candle to represent honesty.

"The third member attribute is **SERVICE**.

"SERVICE is giving assistance and being ready and able to provide a helpful and useful act. Light this candle to represent service."

"The fourth member attribute is **RESPONSIBILITY**.

"RESPONSIBILITY involves the ability to act without guidance or superior authority and being answerable for your actions. Light this candle to represent responsibility."

"The fifth member attribute is **SCHOLARSHIP**

"SCHOLARSHIP is the distinctive mark of one who has mastered an area of learning, as reflected in the quality of his/her work, especially with respect to scope, thoroughness, and care. Light this candle to represent scholarship."

"The sixth member attribute is **CITIZENSHIP**

"CITIZENSHIP is being entitled with full civil rights and exercising the duties, rights, and privileges of this status. Light this candle to represent citizenship."

"The seventh member attribute is **LEADERSHIP**

"LEADERSHIP is the responsibility of serving as a guiding force, and directing the way by going first with courage and confidence. Light this candle to represent leadership."

"Students, we hope you recognize these seven attributes in yourself and value these qualities which make you eligible for membership in the National Technical Honor Society. "

The advisor then declares that the students have been elected to membership into the organization.

The inductees are introduced one at a time, presented their membership memorabilia. The inductee then introduces his or her family member to receive the family certificate. The inductees remain standing at the front after being introduced. After all inductees have been introduced, the advisor welcomes them into membership and asks them to recite the pledge. The audience may give a round of applause. The new members are asked to be seated for the remainder of the program.

Refreshments are served at the conclusion of the program. Students now have the opportunity to receive congratulations and network with your area's business and industry leaders.