**SOCIEDAD HONORARIA HISPÁNICA**

**OVERVIEW**

The Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (SHH) is an honor society for high school students enrolled in Spanish and/or Portuguese, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese [(AATSP](http://www.aatsp.org/)**).**

The SHH was formally organized as the Spanish National Honor Society in 1953. The name was changed to Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica in 1959. At present there are more than 2,000 national and international chapters of the SHH.

The mission of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica is to recognize high school achievement in Spanish and Portuguese and to promote interest in Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian studies.

All accredited secondary schools are eligible to charter a chapter.

Chapter sponsors must be active members of the AATSP. REMINDERS:AATSP memberships are for the calendar year: January 1 through December 31. To join the AATSP or to renew your membership, please visit [www.aatsp.org](http://www.aatsp.org/?page=SHHoverview)

Any secondary school student who has maintained an honor average in the study of Spanish or Portuguese for a minimum of three semesters and is in the 10th grade or higher is eligible to be a member of the SHH. The definition of "honor grade” is left to the discretion of each chapter. It should be remembered that the SHH is an honor society for those students of high academic achievement.

In the spirit of our mission, each year the SHH contributes more than $150,000 in awards to student members of the SHH. The most prestigious of the awards are**college scholarships** given to 52 high school senior SHH members and the **Student Travel Awards** given to 24 high school junior SHH members.