

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO MR. GORDON NO LATER THAN  
MONDAY, APRIL 24TH.

Student \_\_\_\_\_

**Congratulations! Your grade point average (GPA) has qualified you to apply for membership in the National Junior Honor Society, a prestigious honor bestowed upon 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who exhibit exemplary traits in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. If you are interested in becoming a member of this society for next year, COMPLETE THE ATTACHED APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO MR. GORDON IN ROOM 153 NO LATER THAN Monday, April 24th. ALSO, PLEASE DETACH THE 5 TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORMS AND GIVE THEM TO 5 OF YOUR PRESENT TEACHERS IMMEDIATELY.**

**If you are selected to become a member in NJHS, you will be notified by Friday, May. At that time, you will be given an invitation to attend the induction ceremony, scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th at 6:00 P.M.**

Listed below are the requirements for membership in NJHS, along with the penalties for failure to maintain the appropriate standards. Please take these requirements into consideration when deciding whether or not to apply for membership.

***Scholarship:*** *Students who have a grade point average of a 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale), with no C's, meet the scholarship requirement for membership. These students are then eligible for consideration.*

It is the student's responsibility to provide his or her NJHS Advisor a copy of each progress report and report card within 3 days of their being issued. Any student whose GPA falls below a 3.5 will be placed on probation until the next grading period. If the student's GPA reaches a 3.5 by that time, full membership privileges will be restored; if the GPA has NOT recovered, the student's membership in NJHS will be revoked. Failure to provide the NJHS Advisor with a copy of a progress report or report card within three days will result in the student being removed from NJHS. **If a student's GPA drops below a 3.5 for a second time on any progress report or report card, it will result in the student's immediate and permanent dismissal from NJHS.**

***Service:*** *This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.*

It is the student's responsibility to earn a minimum of forty volunteer/service hours. Twenty must be earned within the first semester, and 20 must be earned within the second semester. These hours must be earned before or after school, on the weekends, or during school holidays. Acceptable examples of service are as follows: volunteering at the local animal shelter, spending time with the elderly at a nursing home, working without compensation at a place of worship, doing small chores/errands for the elderly or infirm in the community (family members do not count), volunteering as a helper at an elementary school, tutoring an elementary school student (family members excluded), participating in an officially-sponsored beach clean up, or

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participating in any NJHS sponsored service projects and/or fundraising opportunities as they arise.

Students will track their service hours on the form provided and turn them in as soon as those hours have been completed. Failure to do so will result in removal from the National Junior Honor Society.

***Leadership:** Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.*

Students will exemplify the qualities of good leadership by setting an example for their peers. This means that students who wish to remain in good standing in the NJHS will refrain from behaviors such as disrespect for authority, belligerence, and horseplay in the classroom, hallways, cafeteria, and bus. Any student who receives a detention or discipline referral for any such misbehavior will be placed on immediate probation. If the student receives no further behavior detentions or referrals until the next grading period (progress reports or report cards), he or she will be reinstated as a full member in the NJHS. Any subsequent behavior issues that result in a detention or referral will result in the student's immediate and permanent dismissal from NJHS.

***Character:** The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.*

Students in the NJHS are expected to represent themselves, their families, and their school in a way that shows kindness, morality, honesty, and respect. It is important for students to be mindful of the high standards they have agreed to uphold both when at school and in the community. Any concerns regarding a student's character which are brought to the NJHS Advisor will be reviewed by a Faculty Council, who will determine whether or not a student will remain a member in good standing, be placed on probation, or dismissed permanently from NJHS.

***Citizenship:** The student who demonstrates citizenship understands the importance of civic involvement, has a high regard for freedom, justice, and democracy, and demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs.*

Students who are members of the NJHS are expected to participate in extracurricular activities at school and/or in the community. Unless a family hardship dictates otherwise, students will be expected to be actively involved in at least one school-based club (in addition to NJHS), sports team, or community organization such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or youth group member at a local place of worship.

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**National Junior Honor Society Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Membership in National Junior Honor Society is a privilege and, as such, comes with responsibility. Please carefully consider your interest in joining this prestigious club before submitting your application. Discuss it with your parent(s)/guardian(s) and ask yourself the following questions:

Am I willing to continue pursuing academic excellence? Yes/No

Am I willing and able to complete 40 hours of community service per year? Yes/No

Am I willing to maintain excellent conduct? Yes/No

Am I willing to be a role model to others in the personal choices I make? Yes/No

Am I willing to become involved in making my community a better place? Yes/No

If you answered "yes" to the questions above, then National Junior Honor Society might be for you! If you are interested in pursuing membership in this club, please complete this packet and return it to Mr. Gordon in room 153 NO LATER than Thursday, April 14th.

1. Why is it important to you to strive for academic excellence?
2. What extra-curricular activities do you enjoy?
3. Have you ever participated in any service activities? If so, what were they and what was your impression of them?
4. If you could do one thing to improve your school, what would it be?
5. If you could do one thing to improve your community, what would it be?

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6. If you could do one thing to improve the world, what would it be?
  
7. Why do you want to be a member of the National Junior Honor Society?
  
8. What is the best piece of advice a parent or teacher ever gave you?
  
9. What is your proudest accomplishment?
  
10. Why should you be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society?

My parent(s)/guardian(s) and I have read the attached membership criteria for National Junior Honor Society and understand that I must abide by the bylaws in order to remain a member in good standing. Furthermore, we understand that certain penalties, such as probation and/or dismissal from National Junior Honor Society may be enforced if I do not uphold these standards.

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Student's Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student's Printed Name



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