

National Junior Honor Society Information Meeting



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NJHS members exhibit academic achievement, leadership, honorable and admirable character, citizenship, and service that demonstrates the member is willing to use his or her talents and skills for the improvement of society

Why National Junior Honor Society?



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- It is a co-curricular activity that actively supports the educational goals of ISMS
- It allows students to learn and express themselves
- It provides unique opportunities for growth and development not available in the standard classroom, along with resources for motivating students through recognition
- It engages students in problem solving and project planning, particularly through the service projects required of all chapters
- By involving students in meaningful service, NJHS also encourages them to make a difference in the world around them

Membership Standards

- After selection, NJHS members:
 - Must maintain a cumulative GPA of 93.45 in **core** classes
 - Are required to have 16 hours of service per semester (6 of which must be in school hours)
 - Documentation of up to 8 summer hours will be accepted and applied to required service hours for the fall semester
 - Must display outstanding leadership, service, character, and citizenship at all times
 - Must pay \$10 in annual dues and order a t-shirt.

The Selection Process

- Student applications are due by **Tuesday, October 19th no later than 4:00 pm**
- Each applicant's current teachers will rate them on several categories, including scholarship, character, citizenship/conduct, leadership, and service
- The faculty council, consisting of several teachers from each team, will meet to review teacher input and student applications before selecting those students most qualified for membership. Please note that not all who apply will be selected, and good grades alone do not determine membership. Please do not be discouraged if your child is not selected. It is a great accomplishment to be invited to apply at all, **and not being selected will not prevent them from joining NHS in high school**
- Students will be notified on Friday, October 22nd regarding their selection
- In order to become an official NJHS member, candidates who are selected must attend the induction ceremony on **Thursday, November 4th at 6:00**

Helpful Hints for Completing the Application

- ❑ **Students should complete the application by themselves**
- ❑ Fill out each section completely
- ❑ Be as detailed as possible in the space provided. If additional space is needed, you may attach a file.
- ❑ Utilize the opportunity to elaborate on your additional qualifications in Part III of the application
- ❑ **Don't be modest!** The application process is very competitive, and not all students will be selected. This is your opportunity to sell yourself!

The Application

School/Community Activities

School Activities: List all school-based activities in which you have participated for the past two years only. Include clubs, teams, student council, organizations, musical groups, squads, library/office/teacher aide positions, yearbook, UIL related competitions, etc., and any significant accomplishments and leadership roles in each. Please list only one per line with Grade, Activity, and Role. *

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Community Activities: List community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment in each. These should be any activities outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community (e.g., religious groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl scouts, Camp Fire, FFA, 4H, community athletic programs, YMCA/YWCA, volunteer service groups, Texas Girl/Boys Choir, dance, etc.) Do not repeat participation already listed above, and include the name of the adult supervisor of each activity. Please list only one per line. On each line include year participated, organization & activity, role/accomplishment, name of supervising adult.

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About you...

Below, tell us anything else about yourself and your community service, accomplishments, and leadership abilities that you think would help the Faculty Council make a decision regarding your selection for NJHS. What do you want us to know about you? *

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Any Questions?



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