

# National Junior Honor Society Information Meeting

Spring 2019



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Leadership  
Service  
Citizenship  
Character*

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



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# Why National Junior Honor Society?

- 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 at ISMS, in our community and in the world around them



# Helpful Hints for Completing the Application

- **Students should complete the application and be in their handwriting.**
- Write neatly and fill out each section completely
- Be as detailed as possible in the space provided. If additional space is needed, attach a piece of paper
- Utilize the opportunity to elaborate on your additional qualifications in Part III of the application
- Provide signatures of supervising adults for activities done outside of school. If supervising adults signatures can't be obtained parent signatures will be accepted.
- **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

## I. 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. If additional space is needed, attach a sheet of paper.

Grade	Activity	Accomplishments/Role
Examples: 7 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup>	Show choir Volleyball	Secretary team member

**Please include ONLY school activities from the past two years (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade.)**

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## II. 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. If additional space is needed, attach a sheet of paper.

Grade	Organization & Activity	Role/Accomplishments	Supervising Adult Signature

**These should be ANY activities in which you've participated outside of school over the past two years. If you won awards or special recognition for your participation, be sure to include that information. Everything you've done is worth noting.**

**A signature is requested from the supervising adult. A parent signature is okay if they were the supervising adult. Please list the name, if it is impossible to obtain a signature.**



# The Application

III. On the lines 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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# NJHS Membership Standards

- After selection, NJHS members:
  - Must maintain a cumulative GPA of 93.45 in their **4 core** (Math, ELA, Science & Social Studies) classes.
  - Required to have **16** hours of service **per semester** (6 of which must be in school hours and 10 out of school).
    - Documentation of up to 8 summer hours will be accepted and applied to required service hours for the fall semester
  - Must **attend all general meetings**. Morning and afternoon meetings will be available.
  - Must display outstanding leadership, service, character, and citizenship at all times.
  - **\$10** in annual dues will be due in the fall.
  - Purchase an NJHS shirt in the fall price will be around **\$15-\$20**.





# The Selection Process

- Student applications are due by **Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> no later than 4:00 pm.**
- **It is the student's responsibility to pick up, complete and return their application on time.**
- 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, elective teachers and staff, will meet to review teacher input and student applications before selecting those students most qualified for membership.



# The Selection Process

- 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 being selected for NHS during their sophomore year of high school!**
- Students will be notified, by letter, on **Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** regarding their selection.
- In order to become an official NJHS member, candidates who are selected must attend the induction ceremony on **Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30.**



Parent/Student Questions?