**National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Application Packet Cover Page**

# \*\*\*This Application Packet is due no later than Wednesday, September 25th\*\*\*

### (Hand in to Mrs. Murphy during advisory)

Please assemble your packet *in the following order*. Make sure your *name* is on every page! *Staple* in the upper left hand corner.

* Application Packet Cover Page
* Student Activity Information Sheet
* Teacher Recommendation Form
* BFA NJHS Policy Form
* Essay

**I understand that turning in an incomplete packet will eliminate my eligibility for National Junior Honor Society and I verify that all information presented is both accurate and complete.**

Student Name (first & last; please print) Grade

Student Signature Date

Name of Candidate: \_ Grade:

**National Junior Honor Society Student Activity Information Sheet**

Directions:

* Please complete **all sections** of this sheet
* Please **print** clearly or **type** (you can download this form off the BFA NJHS website if you would like to type your answers)
* Brag about yourself, don’t be modest!
* If you have more items than space provided, please list only the most important. You can use your essay portion for details and other accomplishments that you would also like to share.

#### Scholarship

Neatly list all honors and awards earned for academic excellence in the last two years. (You may include honor roll, straight A’s, and your GPA.)

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| **Honor or Award** | **Date** |
| *Ex. Earned all’s A’s* | *1st quarter of 6th grade* |
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1. **Co-Curricular Activities** Neatly list all in-school and community activities in which you have participated in the past two years. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, major accomplishments, etc.

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| **Activity** | **Accomplishments** | **Year** |
| *Ex. Recycling Club* | *Made posters & collected recycling**weekly* | *6th Grade* |
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## Name of Candidate: Grade:

#### Leadership

Neatly list all leadership experience you have had at school or in the community in the last two years. Include positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others. (Ex: elected position of the SGA, club officer, scouting, youth group, team captain, etc.)

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| **Leadership Role** | **Accomplishments** | **Year** |
| *Ex. SGA Class Representative* | *Raised $200 for Pennies for Patients* | *5th Grade* |
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#### Service

Neatly list all service activities in which you have participated in the last two years. These can be service projects with a group in or out of school or done as an individual. Generally, these are done for or on the behalf of others (not including immediate family) for no compensation (payment). Please include the name and contact information of an adult who can verify your service activities.

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| **Service Activity, Organization,****and Location** | **Dates/# of****hours** | **Contact****Person** | **Contact Phone Number****or Email** |
| *Ex. Collected and distributed coats at Agape Homeless Shelter, Silver Spring* | *November, 5 hours; December 5**hours* | *Joe Smith* | *joesmith@agapeshelter.org* |
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**National Junior Honor Society Essay Question: Character and Citizenship**

## Think of two character traits you possess. Examples could include: bravery, joyfulness, punctuality, kindness, loyalty, cheerfulness, honesty, thankfulness, patience, humor, sharing, understanding, tolerance, cooperation, perseverance, fairness, generosity, etc.. Briefly explain how you have exhibited these two characteristics and how they have benefited your school and/or community. Please provide a few descriptive examples to support each trait (you can use your Student Activity Information Sheet to help you!) Next, explain how these character traits could serve your school and community if you are inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.

### Don’t be bashful when explaining your accomplishments; be proud of what you have done!

Guidelines:

* + **Essay format** (4 paragraphs):

## -Introductory sentence/s

-Paragraph 1-Your two character traits and supporting examples

-Paragraph 2-Connection to how these traits will benefit others as a NJHS member

-Concluding sentence/s

* + Please **type** your essay, **double-spaced**, in **12 point font**.
	+ Please keep your essay to approximately **150-250 words** (this is about 1 to 1 ½ pages double spaced)
	+ Be **creative**!!!
	+ **Proofread**!!!!! Use proper **grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling**!
	+ Make sure your **first and last name** and **grade** level are in the **top right corner**

## of your essay.

***Character is who you are when no one is looking.***

***Citizenship is your commitment to your school, neighborhood, city, state, nation, and world.***

Name of Candidate: Grade:

#### National Junior Honor Society Teacher Recommendation Form

This student is eligible for membership in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Students must obtain two teacher signatures, **one** of which must be from **current or last year’s core (Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, or Science) teachers**. *Students, please be considerate by requesting recommendations at a convenient time.*

Students recommended for NJHS membership should consistently demonstrate **scholarship** (3.5 cumulative GPA), **citizenship, character**, **leadership**, and **service**. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

If you would recommend the candidate, according to the above stated qualifications- without reservation, please sign in the space below.

1. **I recommend this candidate, *without reservation*, for membership in the NJHS.**

Teacher Signature Print Name

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Teacher Signature Print Name

**BFA NJHS Policies**

NJHS applicants please read and initial each of the NJHS policies below and sign at the bottom. A parent signature is also required.

\_\_\_\_ Students in NJHS must have a 3.5 GPA or above at report card time.

\_\_\_\_\_If your GPA falls below a 3.5 at the END of the trimester (report card time), you will be placed on probation for ONE trimester but will remain an active NJHS member.

\_\_\_\_\_ If your GPA falls below a 3.5 for a second trimester, you will no longer be eligible to participate in NJHS

\_\_\_\_\_ NJHS members are required to complete **FIVE** group volunteer hours and **FIVE** individual volunteer hours per year. Members that do not complete their hours will no longer be eligible to participate in NJHS

\_\_\_\_\_ NJHS members must attend all meetings. There are 5 -6 meetings a year that take place from 12:00 – 12:40 in Mrs. Murphy’s classroom. Attendance is taken at all meetings.

\_\_\_\_\_ Students no longer eligible for NJHS may not reapply for membership.

\_\_\_\_\_ If a student is no longer eligible for NJHS, they will not receive a refund of dues paid at the time of registration.

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration dues must be paid on time. If dues are not paid on time, the student may not participate in NJHS but is welcome to reapply next year.

\_\_\_\_\_ **All** group volunteer hours are completed outside the school day. Many take place on Saturdays throughout the year or evenings after school.

\_\_\_\_\_Mrs. Murphy and NJHS members plan all group volunteer opportunities. Other volunteer opportunities completed will be counted as individual hours even if they’re completed with another NJHS member.

\_\_\_\_Students may not be paid for any of their volunteer hours. This includes fundraising for the 8th grade trip to Washington DC

\_\_\_\_ Students are responsible for turning in their volunteer forms within a week of completing the service hours unless the hours were completed over a school break. Forms will NOT be accepted after that point.

\_\_\_\_ Volunteer hours completed over the summer do not count towards NJHS volunteer hours

I have read and understand the BFA NJHS policies.

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent’s Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_