

INFORMATION CHECKLIST

NEW MEMBER PACKET

National Junior Honor Society Member Application

Dawnwood Middle School

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- ☐ Read the contract **thoroughly** and acknowledge the requirements.
 - ☐ Complete cover sheet with neatness and accuracy.
 - ☐ Have your Guidance Counselor complete and sign the scholarship/grades portion.
 - ☐ Request **one letter of recommendation** from a faculty member at DMS.
 - ☐ Complete the Co-Curricular Activities Section with neatness and accuracy.
 - ☐ Complete and ensure that all sections of the Community Service section are accompanied by appropriate signatures.
 - ☐ Write and attach personal essay (typed, double-spaced, 2 pages).
 - ☐ Application packet has been carefully (re)stapled **in proper order with the cover sheet on top.**
 - ☐ Personally submit all paperwork to Mrs. Israel (mailbox Wing 3) **NO LATER THAN 2:30PM on FRIDAY, May 3rd, 2024. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
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Submission date: Friday, May 3rd, 2024

DAWNWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

National Junior Honor Society Application for Membership

Dear Student,

Membership into the National Junior Honor Society is determined by the Faculty Advisory Board which examines an applicant's qualifications and high standards of scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship, as required by the constitution of the National Junior Honor Society. Membership into the National Junior Honor Society is a prestigious accomplishment and comes along with some important commitments. All required documents included in this packet must be completed as directed and submitted **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, May 3rd, 2024**. All requirements are illustrated in the attached forms.

BEFORE you apply for membership, please read the contract carefully and make sure that you will be able to fulfill all of the requirements. The contract is located at the end of this packet.

Attendance at the monthly meetings is mandatory. The only absences permitted are excused absences from school, or if you are a member of a Middle Country sports team and have a **game** that day. You must notify one of the advisors in advance if you will miss the meeting due to a game-day absence. Also, be sure to check the NJHS Google Classroom (Mrs. Israel) for updates and other important information.

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COVER SHEET

Please complete and attach this sheet to the front of your application packet.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____ Grade: _____

Scholarship

Students must possess a grade point average of **90 or higher** for three consecutive quarters in **ALL** classes.

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| Quarter 1 | _____ Guidance Counselor Signature | GPA: _____ |
| Quarter 2 | _____ Guidance Counselor Signature | GPA: _____ |
| Quarter 3 | _____ Guidance Counselor Signature | GPA: _____ |

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please ask a **DMS faculty member** to fill out the attached recommendation form.

2023-2024 Dawnwood Middle School NJHS Teacher Recommendation Form

To the student: Fill in *your* information in this box. Then give the form to a faculty member to fill out. Forms must be filled out by faculty members that taught you during this school year. All forms must be completed by teachers. The form should be returned to you in a sealed envelope. Submit your envelope along with your application.

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| Name _____ Grade _____ |
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To the faculty member: The student named above is applying for membership in our chapter of National Junior Honor Society. Your recommendation is crucial in the application process. Please carefully consider your response, keeping in mind the four standards of the National Junior Honor Society: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship. If you have comments or concerns that are not addressed within this form, please add those to the end of this form. This form will not be seen by the students and/or their parents.

Using the scale below, please rate the student based on the following statements:

1- Strongly Disagree 2 – Disagree 3 – Neutral 4 – Agree 5 – Strongly Agree

A) The student demonstrates leadership by willingly setting an example for other students in and/or out of the classroom.

1 2 3 4 5

B) The student demonstrates leadership by being resourceful, respectful, a good problem solver, idea-contributor and exemplifies a positive attitude.

1 2 3 4 5

C) The student demonstrates service by willingly helping his peers and/or teachers and rendering service to the school.

1 2 3 4 5

D) The student demonstrates service by making positive contributions to the school and classroom climate in a positive, courteous and enthusiastic manner.

1 2 3 4 5

E) The student demonstrates character by maintaining a high degree of academic honesty including, but not limited to, not cheating or assisting others in cheating.

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F) The student demonstrates character by being reliable, courteous and showing a genuine concern and respect for others.

1 2 3 4 5

G) Overall, how strongly do you recommend this student for admission into our chapter of the National Junior Honor Society? Please circle one of the four below:

Highly Recommend

Recommend

Recommend With Reservations

Do NOT Recommend

H) Please explain in what capacity you know and have worked with (or observed) the student.

Printed Faculty Name

Date

Faculty Signature

Date

Return this completed form to the student in a **sealed envelope with your signature across the seal**. Please note that students must submit their completed candidate packet (including this form) by **FRIDAY, May 3rd, 2024**. Thank you for your cooperation!

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List all activities that you have participated in during your experience at Dawnwood Middle School. You may include sports, as well as after school clubs and any outside community projects. Be sure to mention if you were the captain of a team, a member of a club, or if you served on a committee.

| <u>ACTIVITY</u> | <u>YEARS SERVED</u> | <u>HONORS</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Example: Yearbook</i> | <i>Grade 6, 7, 8</i> | <i>Editor</i> |
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| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |
| 4. | | |

(Extend the list beyond this page if necessary)

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service activities are those that are done on behalf of others (not including family members). Please be sure to obtain the signatures necessary for proof of the activity.

A minimum of fifteen (15) hours must be completed to fulfill this service.

Please include any UNPAID, VOLUNTEER work you have completed within the past year (Summer 2021 through present) OUTSIDE of school that served your community.

Make sure to **OBTAIN ALL THE SIGNATURES** necessary for proof of the activities. Please attach copies of any documents you have received for your community service efforts.

***EACH ACTIVITY MUST HAVE A SIGNATURE. NO RELATIVE MAY SIGN THIS SECTION. ALL ACTIVITIES, DATES AND SIGNATURES WILL BE VERIFIED. IF INFORMATION IS NOT VALID, YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE DISMISSED.**

Log all community service hours in the chart on the following page.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

| Name of Organization | Description of Service | Date Served | # Of Hours | Supervisor Name and Phone # | Supervisor Signature |
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TOTAL # of hours_____

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CANDIDATE ESSAY

Please write a personal essay describing how you possess the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. Also, include how your characteristics will benefit the Dawnwood Middle School National Junior Honor Society. Include all information that you feel is applicable in a **well written two-page essay**.

Use the “Character Trait Explanation Sheet” below to help you with your essay. **The essay must be typed and double spaced.**

CHARACTER TRAIT EXPLANATION SHEET

SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship means a commitment to learning. A student is willing to spend hours reading and studying, knowing the benefits of a cultivated mind. A student who displays scholarship maintains high honor roll status throughout the year.

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

LEADERSHIP: Student leaders are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and students who exemplify positive attitudes about life.

CHARACTER: The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, and shows courtesy, concern and respect for others.

CITIZENSHIP: This student has a high regard for freedom, justice, and the American Government. The student is involved in community activities and school clubs.

Please attach your essay to this paper.

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VERIFICATION PAGE

STUDENT VERIFICATION

I understand that completing this form does not guarantee membership to the National Junior Honor Society and verify that the information provided here is complete, true, and accurate.

Please sign below in blue or black ink.

Student Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN VERIFICATION

I have read the information provided by my son or daughter within this packet and verify that it is true, accurate, and complete in its presentation. I understand that inaccurate representation of information will lead to automatic disqualification from the National Junior Honor Society process.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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