



Directions for Completing the Eligibility Process

*Each of the following must be completed and submitted for consideration as a member of the National Junior Honor Society:

*Eligibility begins with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5

1. Candidate Form

Candidates must fill out each section of the candidate form as completely and accurately as possible. Activities from 6th grade year until current are acceptable and encouraged to be included. Service and to school and community is a requirement for consideration for acceptance in NJHS. If you are unsure if an activity or community service project is appropriate, include the activity on your form. Service-oriented activities and Leadership activities must bear the signature of the supervising adult to verify your active participation. Those activities that do not bear a signature will NOT be considered. Leadership Activities must be verified by the advisor/sponsor (Student council advisor, Coach, etc. Family members are NOT eligible to sign as leadership references).

2. Essay

Candidates must write a five-paragraph essay (350-650 words) to the Faculty Council explaining how you believe you have exhibited each characteristic of service, leadership, citizenship & character. Please include why you are interested in becoming a member of NJHS. You may also include any information that you feel this form does not cover but is important to your submission to the NJHS Faculty Council. You may use this opportunity to highlight specific details regarding your service and leadership activities, or your essay may contain information on an aspect of your background that may clarify further how you fulfill the criteria of Service, Character, Leadership and Citizenship if your service and leadership activities are limited. Please use the description of the qualities listed in the parent letter to help guide you. Each area should be covered in a complete paragraph (you may combine two characteristics in one paragraph) with the appropriate heading of the topic being covered.

Your essay must be typed and double-spaced. Neatness, grammar and syntax do count! Don't forget to include your name. **Please be specific and provide details.** This is your opportunity to shine and describe your accomplishments! Don't be shy - be proud of what you have worked for and achieved!

3. Teacher Recommendation

Students must submit the teacher recommendation form to a teacher in grades 6-8 who can vouch for their academic strengths, commitment to the expectations listed on the Learner Quality Sheet, and who can speak generally to the NJHS characteristics of the student.

***Please remember to check all pages of your Candidate Form for completeness and that your essay is completed and proofread. Candidate Forms are due no later than Friday, February 28th, 2014, NO EXCEPTIONS.**