



NJHS Application 2020-2021

T.H. Rogers Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society



Election into the National Junior Honor Society represents the highest honor and trust that can be bestowed upon a student in seventh and eighth grade of middle school. It is the recognition of students with outstanding **SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, CHARACTER, CITIZENSHIP, and SERVICE.**

These five ideals will be considered as the basis for your selection as well as a fundamental part of our chapter activities. No student is inducted simply because of a high academic average. The National Junior Honor Society strives to recognize the total student—one who excels in all these areas.

If you are chosen to be inducted into the T.H. Rogers Chapter of the NJHS, you will be expected to:

- Maintain an overall cumulative average of 90% and E in conduct after induction
- Participate in all NJHS meetings unless otherwise excused
- Complete 30 hours of individual community service
- Participate in the NJHS Chapter community and school service project(s)
- Adhere to the chapter Bylaws and school rules

Membership

Selection for membership is by a faculty review of applicants and is based on outstanding scholarship, citizenship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Selection of Members

1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a student in seventh or eighth grade.
2. The selection of members to the chapter shall be a majority vote of the Faculty Council.
3. Students with major disciplinary infractions and who do not promote service, leadership, citizenship, and character in the classroom will not be considered for membership regardless of the eligibility. Students may not have Ps in conduct or be referred for major disciplinary infractions.

Scholarship Requirements:

All applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.7 or a cumulative Percent Grade of 90-92.

Service Requirements:

All applicants are required to have ten (10) documented and verified community service hours. These hours must be documented on company or organization letterhead and signed by a supervisor. (**This requirement has been waived for the 2020-2021 school year**)

Leadership Requirements:

Students will be asked to detail their leadership experiences on the Student Activity form will attending T.H. Rogers Middle School. If you are new to T.H. Rogers, you may include any relevant leadership experience from your previous middle school.

Essay Requirements:

All applicants will be required to submit one essay on character and citizenship. Essay guidelines are attached in the application packet.

Letters of Recommendation (2)

Students are required to include a letter of recommendation from an adult outside of school who can speak to their citizenship, character, leadership, and service. This adult may not be a parents/guardian. Students are also required to obtain four teacher signatures. Guidelines for teacher recommendations are detailed on the attached form.

Application Deadline

All applications must be turned in no later than 3:30 pm on Friday, March 26, 2020 to Ms. Jessica Willie Beaulieu, Vanguard Dean of Instruction, in the West Office or via email to jwillie1@houstonisd.org.

Incomplete, partial, and/or late applications will not be accepted. Please remember that completion of the application does not guarantee member selection.

Please complete the application checklist cover page before submitting your application.

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Application Packet Cover Page

THIS APPLICATION IS DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2020 @ 3:30 PM.

(Deliver to Ms. Jessica Willie Beaulieu, Vanguard Dean of Instruction, in the West Office. Completed applications may also be emailed at JWILLIE1@houstonisd.org).

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
- Essay
- Student Activity Information Form
- Student Service Activity Form
- Teacher Recommendation Form
- Community Member Recommendation Form (please attach)
- Copy of Most Recent Report Card

No partial or late applications will be accepted. Completion of the application does not guarantee membership selection.

Prospective candidate will be notified via their student email about the status of their application and membership.

I understand that completion of this packet does not guarantee selection into the National Junior Honor Society and I verify that all information presented is both accurate and complete.

Student Name (first and last; please print)

(Grade Level)

Student Signature

Date

National Junior Honor Society Essay Question: Character and Citizenship

Think of three 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 three characteristics and how they have benefited your school and 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 three 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 1/2 pages double spaced) To check your word count In Microsoft Word, highlight the text, go to "Tools," and choose "Word Count"

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.

NJHS Student Activity Information Form

Name: _____

Date: _____

Homeroom: _____

Directions: Please complete all sections. Do not be modest. Every bit of information can be used by the faculty council to assist with the selection process. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection. Please type or print.

School Activities/Awards and Participation:

List all activities in which you have participated during middle school with the grade you participated in it in parentheses. If you have participated in more activities that can fit on this list, think about activities that you have participated in that reflect Scholarship (ex. Math Club) and Leadership (ex. Student Council).

Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and major accomplishments (awards, competitions, etc.). If you are new to T.H. Rogers you may list activities from your previous campus.

Activity/Accomplishment (ex. T.H. Rogers Volleyball Team)	Grade(s) Participated In (ex. Grade 7)	Awards or Recognitions (ex. District Champions or Team Captain)

NJHS Student Service Activity Form

List service activities in which you have participated. These can be service projects done with a group either in or out of school or done as individual projects performing service. Service activities are those which are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given. Please list the name of an adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each activity.

***This form is not required for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Service activity	Number of Hours	6 th grade	7 th grade	8 th grade	Signature of Adult (or attached)
					Do not write with a pencil

STUDENT:

I verify that the information presented on the Information Form is complete and accurate. I understand that completing this form does not guarantee selection to NJHS.

Date: _____

Student signature

PARENT:

I have read the information provided about the selection criteria for NJHS, including the information below. I have read the information provided by my son/daughter and can verify that it is true and accurate.

Date: _____

Parent signature

National Junior Honor Society Teacher Recommendation Form

Name of Candidate: _____ Grade: _____

This student is applying for membership in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Students must obtain **four teacher signatures**, two of which must be from current or last year's core (English, Reading, Math, World Studies, or Science) teachers, one from a past core teacher, and one from a current or past elective teacher. Students, please be considerate by requesting recommendations at a convenient time. 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

Current or last year's Core Subject Taught

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

Teacher Signature Print Name

Current or last year's Core Subject Taught

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

Teacher Signature Print Name

Past Core Subject Taught

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

Teacher Signature Print Name

Current or Past Elective Taught

National Junior Honor Society Community Member Recommendation Form

Applicants must include a letter of recommendation from an adult outside of school who can speak to their citizenship, character, leadership, and service. This person should know you well and be able to speak to your strengths. Please be considerate of their time when asking them to complete this portion of the application for you. Letters of recommendation can be attached to this form or submitted via email to Ms. Willie at jwillie1@houstonisd.org.

This adult may not be a parents/guardian.

Please note:

- The decision of the Faculty Council is based on students meeting the criteria for selection. Conduct grades do not disqualify a student; however, this information, along with all the other data will be available to the committee. Please remember that the selection process is inherently subjective. As this is a school-based society what is most important are those behaviors and attitudes witnessed by the faculty and staff on this campus.
- A student's grades, faculty evaluation and information sheet will be kept strictly confidential. While the sponsor will be happy to talk with parents about the selection process, neither student nor teacher data will be revealed.
- The chapter sponsor is a non-voting, sixth member of the Faculty Council. All decisions are made by a majority vote. No one negative evaluation will eliminate a student's chances.
- There is no set number of students that can be invited to join.