



# National Junior Honor Society

## Clark-Shaw Magnet Middle School



Thank you for your interest in applying to be a part of the National Junior Honor Society! To be considered for membership, you **must** have an **overall GPA of 90% or higher** and complete the following information. We will need a copy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report **with the application**. If a student completes the application, but does not have the minimum GPA requirement, he/she is automatically **ineligible**. Pay careful attention to **instructions** and **deadlines**. We have included a candidate selection rubric on how you will be evaluated, so please review it carefully.

**Written Explanation** This is a typed explanation. This formal writing will show how you currently represent the characteristics of NJHS—character, scholarship, leadership, service, and citizenship--and how you can use these qualities to contribute to the overall success of the organization.

Guidelines:

- Formal Format
  - Identify **each one** of the NJHS characteristics (see the Five Pillars of the National Junior Honor Society below) in your written explanation and provide **examples** of each characteristic. Your examples should highlight **how you** exemplify the characteristics.
  - Show a connection to how these traits will benefit others as a NJHS member.
- Please type your written explanation, double-spaced, in 12-point font. Be creative and proofread!
- Use proper grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling! Please keep your written explanation to approximately **no more** than two pages typed. **At a minimum, you must write at least eight sentences.**
- Make sure your first and last name and grade level are in the right-hand corner of your written explanation.

*\*\*You cannot share the typed explanation with one of the sponsors. It must be printed out. Please refer to the school library's policy of printing if needed.\*\**

### 5 Pillars of the National Junior Honor Society

**Character** - Character is the sum of your morals, values, and ethics that helps define you as a person.

- Displays an understanding of right/wrong
- Makes appropriate choices
- Treats others with respect

**Scholarship** - Scholarship grows as you develop a passion for knowledge.

- Displays academic effort
- Appreciates value of education
- Maintains high expectations of self

**Leadership** - Leadership is your ability to communicate in ways that influence and inspire others to act.

- Displays actions of role model
- Leads by example
- Promotes school activities

**Service** - Service is the act of volunteering your time and using your skills and talents to help others.

- Displays willingness to help others
- Assists those around them
- Understands value of serving others

**Citizenship** - Citizenship is a reflection of the concern you have for a community and displayed in your behavior and attitude.

- Upholds school rules
- Displays appropriate behavior
- Appreciates spirit of community

**Teacher Evaluations/Teacher Signature Form.** You must have **THREE current** teachers (you must use only core teachers; teachers you have for PE, elective, or homeroom only are excluded) complete a teacher evaluation form. Please allow your teachers time to complete this evaluation by giving it to them as soon as possible. The last day to give evaluation forms to your teachers is **February 6, 2024.** **Don't procrastinate! Fill in any blanks on the forms before handing them out.** As you give each teacher your evaluation, ask him or her to sign and date the appropriate box on the Teacher Signature Form verifying that they received it. Teachers will submit the recommendation forms directly to us, so you will **NOT** include them in the packet you turn in to us; however, you will include the Teacher Signature Form in your packet. A total of the three evaluation scores will determine your points earned for this category. Failure to fill in the blanks **for** your teachers will result in loss of five points from your total average (you need to write in the teacher's name, your class period, and your name).

Keep all completed application materials you received from Ms. Roberts; you will turn in all your paperwork together. 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders may give their completed file to Ms. Roberts (room 110); 6<sup>th</sup> graders may give their completed file to Mrs. Howell (room 205) on or before **February 9, 2024.** You will be given only one packet. If you lose any of the pages, you may find them on Clark-Shaw's school website under "Clubs and Organizations"- "National Junior Society"- forms.

Make sure you follow all directions exactly and pay close attention to deadlines. If you do not turn in all pieces by these dates and/or do not follow directions, then you will not be considered for membership. Good luck! We wish you success in this and all your endeavors.

If you are inducted into our chapter of the NJHS, you will be responsible for earning at least 10 hours of community service *per* quarter. Community service hours can be earned during the summer, and extra hours will carry over to the next quarter.

Ms. Roberts, Mrs. Howell, and Ms. Cazalas  
NJHS Advisers



# Candidate Selection Rubric



\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

<b>Written Explanation</b>	
Correct format is used (no more than two pages, size 12 font, heading right corner)	10 points
Explain how you currently represent the characteristics of NJHS (5 points for each characteristic)	25 points
Explain how you can use your qualities to <u>contribute</u> to NJHS	10 points
Overall quality of writing (spelling, grammar)	10 points
<b>Total Points Possible</b>	<b>55 points</b>

<b>Teacher Evaluations</b>	
Teacher Evaluation #1	25 points
Teacher Evaluation #2	25 points
Teacher Evaluation #3	25 points
<b>Total Points Possible</b>	<b>75 points</b>

<b>Citizenship</b>	
No referrals/no more than 3 demerits	10 points
1 minor referral/ 4- 6 demerits	5 points
2 or more minor referrals or 1 major referral/7 or more demerits	0 points
<b>Total Points Possible</b>	<b>10 points</b>

Total Points: 140 points

\*You must score at least 115 points and be approved by the Faculty Committee to be selected for initiation into NJHS.

Every day the application is late- 5 points will be deducted. (This does not include the weekends.)

A point will also be deducted for each missing component (parent signature, student signature, etc.).



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### STUDENT ACTIVITY INFORMATION FORM

**Directions:** Please complete all sections. Do not be modest; this is your time to shine. Every bit of information can be used to assist with the selection process. **COMPLETION OF THIS FORM DOES NOT GUARANTEE SELECTION.** Be sure to include this in your completed packet with the required signatures.

**Print Neatly**

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Clark-Shaw NJHS Application

**Signatures**

I understand that completing and submitting this form does not guarantee selection to the Honor Society. I attest that the information presented here is complete and accurate. If selected, I agree to abide by the standards and guidelines of the chapter and to fulfill all of my membership obligations to the best of my ability. I also understand failure to follow and/or maintain these the Five Pillars of the National Junior Honor Society may result in my removal from the James McPherson chapter of the NJHS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read the information provided by my child on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**Dear NJHS Candidate:** As you give each teacher your evaluation form, ask him or her to sign and date the appropriate boxes. This will verify they received your evaluation on time. Fill in the class & teacher column before asking your teacher to sign and date.

Prospective Student Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**TEACHER SIGNATURE FORM**

Class & Teacher	Date Received	Teacher Signature



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## CORE TEACHER EVALUATION (Current Year)

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1 - Poor
- 2 - Fair, Below Average
- 3 - Satisfactory, Average

- 4 - Above Average
- 5--Excellent

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<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Displays willingness to help others					
Assists those around them					
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<b>CITIZENSHIP</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
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