

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School
NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

"To whom much is given, much is expected."

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is more than an honor roll. It is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a student. Membership is based on five criteria (pillars): citizenship, service, leadership, scholarship and character. Each year, students are elected by a Faculty Council to be inducted into the NJHS. Your child is being considered for membership in the NJHS for meeting the cumulative GPA requirement of a 3.5 or higher.

To complete the application process your child must fill-out a student activity form and write a letter of self recommendation stating what qualities and contributions he/she would bring to the National Junior Honor Society. This will provide the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's citizenship, service, leadership and character. All selection criteria collected by the school is kept confidential.

Candidates will be notified by a letter regarding selection and a formal induction ceremony will be held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all five criteria that led to their selection.

Membership is more than an honor. It is both a responsibility and an obligation to demonstrate the outstanding qualities that resulted in the candidate's selection. Inductees will be required to participate in a service project the following year as part of their commitment to the five pillars and membership in the NJHS.

If you have any questions about the NJHS or process of being considered for induction, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. McCarron at 301-353-8090 or Mr. Jackson at 301-353-8080.

NJHS Selection Criteria

The selection criteria for the National Junior Honor Society is based upon the pillars of **Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Citizenship, and Character**. Students in the 6th and 7th grades are provided information about the selection process if they fulfill the GPA requirement of a 3.5 or better. It is the student's responsibility to complete the Student Activity Form and essay in order to be considered by the Faculty Council (MLK Teachers) for this honor. The Council will make their selections and an induction ceremony will take place. The following indicators of the five pillars serve as a framework for selection rather than a checklist of items that must be fulfilled.

Students will be considered for the NJHS selection based on the following indicators:

I. Scholarship

- A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

II. Leadership

- Successfully holding school offices or positions of responsibility
- Leading in the classroom, at work, and in other school or community activities

III. Service

- Participating in some service or charitable activity outside of school
- Mentoring people in the community or students at other schools
- Helping with any request made by staff to help support our school community
- Volunteering to provide assistance whenever needed

IV. Citizenship

- Understanding the importance of civic involvement
- Having a high regard for freedom, justice, and democracy
- Involvement with such activities as Scouting, community organizations, and school clubs

V. Character

- Upholding our core values of respect, responsibility, and integrity
- Complying with school rules

Name: _____ Date _____ Grade _____

1. Leadership

Neatly list all elected or appointed leadership positions you have held at school or in the community in the last two years. Include only those 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.)

Leadership Role	Position Held & Accomplishments	Dates

2. 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 phone number of an adult who can verify your service activities.

Service Activity	Dates	Contact Person	Contact Phone Number

3. Scholarship

Neatly list honors and awards earned for academic excellence in the last two years. (You may include honor roll, Star of the Month, and your GPA.)

Honor or Award	Date

*****Required Essay:**

Please attach a typed essay (150 words or less) answering the following question: What qualities and contributions will I bring to the National Junior Honor Society? Focus on your character, how you demonstrate our core values of respect, responsibility, and integrity, as well as your service to the school and community.

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If you are interested in applying to be considered for the NJHS, you must complete the following information about how you have demonstrated the Pillars of Leadership and Service. In addition, you are required to write a brief essay stating the qualities and contributions that you would bring to the NJHS here at King Middle School. If you have any questions about the process or criteria for consideration, please see Mrs. McCarron or Mr. Jackson.

*****Please return your completed packet to Mrs. McCarron (Guidance Office) or Mr. Jackson (Room B209) by Wednesday, May 21st.**

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 (printed)

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date