

National Junior Honor Society



Excited to learn about membership in the National Junior Honor Society? We don't blame you! Much more than an honor roll, NJHS is a distinctive multifaceted learning experience that provides a solid and meaningful foundation for life.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

As you begin the early stages of greater independence and responsibility as a middle level student, you may discover that you excel in your studies, have an interest in leadership and service, and have a thirst for challenge ... and accomplishment.

Membership in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) may be an ideal fit for you! You can become a member through a local selection process that concludes with induction into the school's National Junior Honor Society chapter.

Through exclusive resources, programs, and services, members have a unique opportunity to prepare for their next steps in life. Membership truly lays the groundwork for lifelong success.

How Can You Become an NJHS Member?

First, you will need to learn if your school has an [NJHS chapter](#). If so, check your student handbook or speak with someone in your main office to identify the chapter adviser. This is a faculty member who will be able to tell you the cumulative GPA required for consideration and a timeline when students who meet this benchmark will be invited to submit information about themselves to be considered for membership.

Eligibility Requirements



» Here is a visual guide prepared by the National Junior Honor Society about [how to become an NJHS member](#).

Students in grades 6–9 who meet the requirements for membership outlined by their school’s chapter are eligible to be invited for membership.

Students must be in their second semester of sixth grade for consideration. Ninth grade students are only eligible for inclusion in NJHS if they attend a middle level school. Ninth grade students in a traditional 9-12 high school are not eligible for NJHS membership.

Each chapter is required to publish its qualifications for membership, which is based on the five pillars of NJHS:

- **Scholarship**
Per national guidelines, at a minimum, students must have a cumulative GPA of 85, B, 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standard of excellence. (Each school chapter is allowed to require a higher cumulative GPA.)
- **Service**
This involves voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation.
- **Leadership**
Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea

contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

- **Character**

The student of good character is cooperative; demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; and generally maintains a clean disciplinary record.

- **Citizenship**

The student who demonstrates citizenship understands the importance of civic engagement; has a high regard for freedom and justice; respects democracy; respects the law for all citizens at the local, state, and federal levels; and demonstrates mature participation and responsibility in activities such as scouting, community organizations, or school clubs.

Students who meet the scholarship requirement will have an opportunity to complete a form detailing their accomplishments in and commitment to service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Understanding the Obligations of Membership

Students who accept membership and are inducted into the chapter should be aware of the time and commitment involved with this honor. For example, there will be chapter meetings. The chapter bylaws should articulate the yearly meeting schedule and member attendance obligations. Members also must participate in chapter and individual service projects to benefit the school and community. Contact the chapter adviser to obtain a full list of the obligations of membership for the school's chapter.