



Rombout Middle School National Junior Honor Society Application

2019

Candidate Name _____ Grade _____ Homebase _____

Congratulations! We would like to congratulate you on your outstanding academic performance. Based on your academic performance in quarters 1 and 2, you are eligible to apply for membership in the Rombout Middle School Chapter of National Junior Honor Society. Membership in NJHS is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a student. Our chapter strives to give practical meaning to the Society's standards of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.

These five pillars will be considered as the basis for your selection as well as a fundamental part of our chapter activities. The National Junior Honor Society strives to recognize the total student—one who excels in these areas. No student will be inducted simply because of a high academic average. Please note that though you are eligible to apply, you have not been accepted into the organization yet. Applications must be completed and reviewed by the NJHS Faculty Council to determine acceptance of new members. Pay careful attention to the application instructions and deadlines.

Applicant Signature & Parent/Guardian Signature

I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that any inaccurate or misleading information will jeopardize my membership privilege. I further certify that I will, if accepted, abide by the rules and support the goals of the National Junior Honor Society.

Student Applicant Name

Student Applicant Signature

We have reviewed this application and the attached cover letter. We are aware of the requirements for application and recognize that failure to comply with these standards may disqualify this application. We have reviewed the attached selection criteria. We also understand that students selected for the National Junior Honor Society must attend meetings and functions as required. We recognize that students will be required to perform community service hours, uphold leadership positions and maintain a high degree of character; we understand that failure to do so may result in removal from the NJHS.

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Pillar I – Scholarship

"True scholarship consists in knowing not what things exist, but what they mean; it is not memory but judgment." - James Russell Lowell

Students must maintain a minimum cumulative average of 89% or better for the first three (3) marking periods to be eligible for candidacy. Failure to do so will result in a candidate not being accepted into NJHS.

Pillar II – Leadership

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, do more and become more, you are a leader." -John Quincy Adams

List all leadership positions you have held in school, community, or work activities in the chart below and note any major accomplishments in each. Only those positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. *Examples: elected officer for the student body, class, or club; committee chairperson; team captain; newspaper editor; work area manager; leadership in boy scouts or your church/synagogue groups; camp counselor; or other community leader.*

<i>Leadership Role</i>	<i>Brief explanation of your role</i>	<i>Grade level</i>	<i>Accomplishment</i>

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Pillar III – Service

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” -Mahatma Gandhi

List service activities in which you have participated in *this school year*. These can be individual or group service projects completed either in or out of school that are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given. Please ask an adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each activity to sign on the appropriate line, and also list the estimated number of hours you invested while performing this service. A minimum of four (4) total service hours are required.

Service Activity	Date/Hours of Service	Adult Supervisor Signature (Include email/phone number)

Pillar IV – Character

“Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.” - Abraham Lincoln

A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. The candidate will have at least 3 non-family members complete the attached character evaluation forms. Each form must be filled out by a teacher, coach or adult that leads or has led an organization you are/were involved in.

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Pillar V – Citizenship

“Citizenship is the chance to make a difference to the place where you belong.” - Charles Handy

Demonstrating citizenship involves mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, or school clubs.

- List other activities in which you participated for the betterment of the community. For example, religious groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, community art endeavors, etc. Do not repeat participation already listed above.
- List all other school-based activities in which you have participated in school. Include clubs, teams, music, etc. Do not repeat participation already listed above.

Activity	Grade Level



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Justification for membership

In **one** well-constructed paragraph, please **USE YOUR OWN HANDWRITING** to explain your qualifications and personal reasons for wanting to become a member of National Junior Honor Society. Use the space below for your response.

Essay Question

Chose 1 of the 5 quotes listed under the pillars of NJHS in this application and explain what that quote means to you. Also give details of how you demonstrated this pillar in your life.

- Please type your essay and use 12 point font.
- Make sure your first and last name and homebase are in the top left corner of your essay.
- Essay format (4 paragraphs): -
 - Introductory paragraph
 - Paragraph 1-Explain what the quote means to you
 - Paragraph 2-Explain how you demonstrate the pillar in your life.
 - Concluding paragraph



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_____ (first name and last name) is a candidate for the National Junior Honor Society of Rombout Middle School. According to the NJHS charter, members must show distinction in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. The candidate is requesting that you, based on your experience with him/her, provide a rating in these areas. The behaviors listed below each trait are merely guidelines to help you determine if the student meets the criteria for each one. Please use your own best judgment. Thank you for your time.

****Please complete the following and return this form TO THE STUDENT in a SEALED ENVELOPE with *your signature* over the seal****

	1 – Poor	2 – Fair, Below Average	3 – Satisfactory, Average	4 – Above Average	5--Excellent
CHARACTER					
Trustworthy & Responsible	1	2	3	4	5
Makes appropriate choices					
Treats others with respect					
SCHOLARSHIP					
Displays academic effort	1	2	3	4	5
Appreciates value of education					
Maintains high expectations of self					
LEADERSHIP					
Displays actions of role model	1	2	3	4	5
Leads by example					
Promotes school/community activities					
SERVICE					
Displays willingness to help others	1	2	3	4	5
Assists those around them					
Understands value of serving others					
CITIZENSHIP					
Upholds rules	1	2	3	4	5
Displays appropriate behavior					
Appreciates spirit of community					

Comments:

I, _____ recommend the above candidate for acceptance into the National Junior Honor Society.

Signature

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