

PACT Charter School National Junior Honor Society

The Four Pillars: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character

A student who demonstrates *scholarship*:

- Has a minimum grade point average of 3.2.

A student who exhibits *leadership*:

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions.
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities.
- Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals.
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school.
- Is able to delegate responsibilities.
- Exemplifies positive attitude.
- Inspires positive behavior in others.
- Demonstrates academic initiative.
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility; conducts business effectively and efficiently; and demonstrates reliability and dependability.
- Is a leader in the classroom, at work, and in other school or community activities.
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.
- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.

A student who *serves*:

- Volunteers and provides dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance.
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities.
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school.
- Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition.
- Does committee and staff work without complaint.
- Participates in some activity outside of school (e.g. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church groups) and volunteers service for the elderly, poor, or disadvantaged.
- Mentors persons in the community or students at other schools.
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

A student of *character*:

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics.
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, hall, etc.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability.
- Regularly shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others.
- Observes instructions and rules, is punctual and faithful both inside and outside the classroom.
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.

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March 2018

Dear Prospective NJHS Member:

With the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year underway, we will now be looking at potential sixth grade candidates to join the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Membership in NJHS is a privilege that should not be taken lightly. To be considered for membership into the NJHS, a student needs to exhibit excellence in academics and leadership, display honorable and admirable character, and demonstrate a commitment to service and good citizenship. Members will be required to attend regular meetings to discuss service opportunities in our community, as well as to conduct other business as it relates to NJHS. Members will also be required to maintain a high grade point average and regularly engage in personal service projects outside of the group.

A candidate must meet the following requirements to be considered for candidacy:

- Must be in second-semester sixth, seventh, eighth, or ninth grade.
- Must have a 3.2 cumulative grade point average (B average).
- Must submit a letter of intent (attached) to the front office by the due date of March 22, 2018 - no later than 3:30 PM.
- Must include at least one teacher recommendation form (attached).
 - *Note: As a courtesy, please ask the teacher whom you want to complete the Faculty Letter of Recommendation form no later than March 8, 2018. Though asking after this date is not prohibited, please be aware that you are displaying a tremendous lack of respect toward the recommender and their personal time, lack of responsibility, and poor time management skills. Also, asking late may lower your chances for an excellent recommendation from the teacher.*

Be advised that you will receive notice if your bid for candidacy has been accepted no later than March 29, 2018. After this time, if your bid has been accepted, you will be inducted in a formal ceremony in April 2018.

More information can be found on our website: <http://pactnjhs.weebly.com>

I look forward to working with you!

Ms. Christal Ruppert
NJHS Adviser

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Spring 2018 Letter of Intent

Directions: Please complete all sections. Type or print all information and submit it by the published deadline. Please be thorough, as this helps us determine whether you would be a good candidate for NJHS.

Name: _____ Grade (2017-2018 school year): _____

I. Scholarship

- Fall 2017 grades in Math: _____ English: _____ Science: _____ Social Studies: _____

List any academic awards you have received:

II. Leadership

- I have held leadership positions.
 I am interested in developing my leadership skills.

List any leadership positions you have held:

III. Service

- I am happy to help whenever and wherever needed.
 I always try to represent the class or school in positive ways.

IV. Character

- I am a reliable, responsible student.
 I show courtesy, concern, and respect for others.
 I observe school rules and maintain honesty in my schoolwork.

V. Indication of Intent

- I understand the responsibilities and requirements of the National Junior Honor Society and feel capable of meeting them.
 I understand that if my bid for candidacy is accepted, I will participate in society meetings and projects on a probationary status until I submit a formal application upon completion of first semester.
 I want to be considered as a potential NJHS member.

Signature of student

Date

Signature of parent

Date

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Letter of Recommendation

Faculty Member

Name of applicant: _____ Class of 20_____

Name of person filling out letter: _____

Class taught: _____ School year: _____

Directions: Please circle where appropriate along the continuum. Please use discretion when completing this form.

10 = outstanding 6 = average 4 = unacceptable 1 = totally unacceptable

Leadership

Initiative	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Responsibility/Reliability	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Degree of Involvement	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Problem Solving	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Character

Integrity	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Emotional Maturity	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Honesty	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Peer Relations	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Additional Comments:

Is this person an appropriate candidate for NJHS?

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Absolutely Possibly NO

Signature of Teacher

Date

**Please return to the main office by 3:30 PM on March 22, 2018.

Content of recommendation will not be shared with the applicant.