

2020-2021 National Junior Honor Society

Important Dates

1. Letter of Intent deadline Monday, December 7 ,2020 at 5:00 p.m. room 115, or emailed to Annalisa.salinas@stisd.net and nytashah.guerra@stisd.net
2. NJHS Candidate notification Friday, January 15th, 2021.
3. Application strict deadline on or before Friday, February 5th, 2021 4:10 p.m.
4. Acceptance notification e-mail Friday, February 19th, 2021.
5. Chapter dues for accepted applicants due by Friday, February 26th, 2021 11:59 a.m.
6. Induction Ceremony: Thursday, March 25, 2021 (Virtual Ceremony)

Please DO NOT contact campus

Candidates will receive an invitation letter.

Selection of Members

Candidates must be in the second semester of seventh grade or in eighth grade at STPA.

Candidates must have been in attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester.

Candidates who are selected during their eighth grade year will be inducted at the end of the eighth grade year and will remain candidates until induction with no official voting rights.

Basic Qualifications for Consideration of Membership

1. Students interested in becoming a member of NJHS should write a letter of intent.
2. Candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of 90 or higher
 - a. For current seventh and eighth grade students, a cumulative grade point average of 90 or higher for the first semester at South Texas ISD Preparatory Academy.
 - b. Grade point average is calculated using the candidate's exact grade from Infinite Campus. This means that grades are calculated to two decimal points and not rounded grades, from the official report card.
3. Candidate must have not had more than one official office referral, ISS, OSS and no more than two detentions recorded for the school year that they are being considered as a candidate.
4. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Selection of Candidates

Prior to selection, the following shall occur:

- a) Students shall write a letter of intent which includes membership statement, extra-curricular activities, leadership positions, service and citizenship activities by Monday, December 7 ,2020 at 5:00 p.m. room 115, or emailed to sponsors.
- b) Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- c) Students who are eligible scholastically ("candidates") shall be notified Friday, Friday, January 15th, 2021 and be asked to complete and submit the application packet for further consideration.

- d) **Candidate must submit the completed application packet directly to the NJHS Sponsors on or before the due date of Friday, February 5th, 2021 at 4:10 p.m. to room 115 and NOT to the office staff.**
- e) If the application is not submitted on time, completed, or signed on all appropriate sections that require a signature, **the application for membership will automatically be denied.**
- f) Faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official evaluation form provided by the Chapter Advisor.
- g) The Faculty Council shall review the Student Activity Information Form and faculty evaluations in order to determine membership.
- h) The selection of each member to the Chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council after reviewing all information concerning the candidate.
- i) An active member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this Chapter and must pay \$15.00 for membership dues. The Faculty Council shall grant to the transferring member one semester to attain the membership requirement and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain his or her membership.
- j) The National Council and NASSP shall not review the judgment of the Faculty Council regarding selection of individual members to local chapters.

STUDENT LETTER OF INTENT

Directions: Write a letter of intent which includes all the sections listed below.

All sections must be included to be eligible for **consideration** for candidacy invitation in the NJHS chapter of South Texas ISD Preparatory Academy. Completion of this letter of intent does **not guarantee** candidacy invitation. All information will be used by the Faculty Council to assist with the selection process.

Full Name: _____ Student ID# _____

1. **Membership Statement:** Introduce yourself and explain why you would like to be a member of the National Junior Honor Society and what contributions you will make to the South Texas ISD Preparatory Academy Chapter if you are selected. This part should not exceed 100 words.
2. **Extra-curricular Activities:** List all school activities in which you have been a participant. Activities could be teams, clubs such as UIL, musical groups and be sure to mention any major accomplishments in each activity.
3. **Leadership positions:** List all elected or appointed leadership positions that you have held in school or community activities. (For example, elected student body, class, club officer, committee chairperson, team captain, and newspaper or yearbook editor.) If you have not served in any leadership position, then describe any leadership qualities you possess and state how you plan to actively serve in a leadership role in NJHS.
4. **Service Activities:** List volunteering activities in which you have participated or actions you have done in school or in the community for which compensation was not received. (For example: mentoring people in the community or students at other schools, volunteer work etc.)
5. **Citizenship Activities:** List community activities in which you have been a participant and describe major accomplishments in each activity. These should be activities in which you participated for the betterment of the community. (For example: church groups, non-school clubs, boy or girl scouts, boys and girls club etc.)

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

*****Responses to the information requested above MUST be typed in a professional manner (Times New Roman, 12-point font, double spaced).**

Please include the title for sections 2-5 with your response.

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