

NAME _____

Grade _____

2024 NJHS Application
(for current 7th and 8th grade students only)

**Medlin Middle School Chapter of the
National Junior Honor Society**

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) looks for students who show outstanding qualities in scholarship, character, citizenship, leadership, and service. Take a minute to consider all you have done in these areas. Please complete all sections. Print clearly in blue or black ink. Do not be modest. Every bit of information will be used by the faculty council to assist with the selection process. **Completion of this form does not guarantee selection.**

I. Scholarship

List your current classes and your **semester grades** only. **A Copy of the report card must be attached!** Average your four core classes (English, math, science, and social studies).

Check if Pre-AP	Class	Sem. Grade
	LA	
	Math	
	Science	
	Social Studies	

Average semester grade for core classes: _____

Electives: (List all other classes, including PE/athletics, your semester grade)

Elective	Sem. Grade

II. Character

Your character is the combination of qualities that distinguishes you from another person. It is your combined moral and ethical make-up. For this section of the application, you must obtain two different letters of recommendation from adults, attesting to your good character. **You may not ask any current staff member at Medlin.** Only one letter from someone related to you is allowed. You may ask neighbors, elementary teachers, clergy, or another adult who knows you well. Ask them to write a letter of recommendation stating how long they have known you, their relationship to you, and have them supply evidence of your good character. Give each letter writer an envelope to seal their letter into and include the **sealed recommendations** with this application. It is recommended that you do **NOT** ask a parent.

III. Citizenship

Good citizenship encompasses your behavior. It also includes your duties, rights, and privileges as a citizen of Medlin Middle School. Please obtain three signatures (no core classroom teachers) who will attest to your good citizenship. (These signatures cannot be from the same people as your character references, cannot be a parent, and must be an adult who has worked with you.) Suggestions: elective teachers, administrators, club advisors, or church leaders.

Name (signature)	Position/title	comments

Every six weeks, NJHS members are expected to earn Silver Star. This means you must perform at least eight hours of community service every nine weeks and keep your grades up. Please initial each six weeks you achieved Silver Star status **this year** at Medlin.

_____ Yes, I earned Silver Star status the 1st nine weeks

_____ Yes, I earned Silver Star status the 2nd nine weeks

IV. Leadership

The NJHS tries to develop good leaders. Your leadership ability is shown by the “extra” activities you are involved in, whether you hold an office or not. Please list activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishments in each. (You may include sports teams, scouting, clubs, etc.)

Activity	6th	7th	8th	Major accomplishment

V. Service

Service to the community is the major activity of our NJHS. List any service activities you have done with school, church, family, or community groups while in middle school. Do NOT list anything in which you may have received any monetary compensation.

Service activity	6th	7th	8th	approximate hours spent

VI. Personal Essay

*Directions: Your essay must be **hand-written in blue or black ink** on a separate sheet of **paper**. An essay written in any other color, or type-written will **NOT** be considered! Use only one sheet of paper (may be front and back). Include your handwritten essay with this application. Answer the prompt **completely** in order to receive full credit.*

Service is the main goal of the National Junior Honor Society. With this in mind, define what service means to you. In detail clarify the service you have already rendered in your family and/or community. Then explain what service you would like the NJHS to be involved in while you are a member. Be realistic and specific keeping our community in mind. Conclude your essay by letting the readers know how you intend to make service a part of your life.

NJHS Compliance Form

*Directions: Both the potential member and a parent/guardian **must** sign the following compliance notice stating that you have read and understand the Constitution and By-laws of the Medlin Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society found on the Medlin website on the NJHS page.*

Failure to do so will result in non-review of your application.

I, _____, a potential member, have read and understand the Constitution and By-laws of the Medlin Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. I realize that if I am selected to be a member of this organization I must adhere to these laws.

Applicant's Signature

Date

I, _____, the parent/guardian of a potential member, have read and understand the Constitution and By-laws of the Medlin Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. I realize that if my child is selected to be a member of this organization they must adhere to these laws.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Application Check-list

Directions: Use the following checklist to aid you in completing all parts of the application correctly. Even missing one section can hurt you during the review process. This form does not need to be turned in, it is only to help you with the application process.

- _____ Read entire application
- _____ Complete Part I.-**Scholarship**: Make sure to list your *semester* grades, average your core class grades, and **attach copy of Semester Report Card**
- _____ Complete Part II – **Character**: Obtain **two** letters of recommendation (not from relatives) and include them with your application –(these should be sealed in envelopes with your name on the outside)
- _____ Complete Part III- **Citizenship**: Complete this section of the application – be sure to add initials to any six weeks you were Silver Star
- _____ Complete Part IV- **Leadership**: Complete this section by listing all the extra activities you are involved in and any awards received
- _____ Complete Part V- **Service**: List any service activities you have done. Include community service you have done this year to receive Silver Star.
- _____ Complete Part VI- **Personal Essay**: Write a **one page** essay to the prompt. Make sure you hand write it, do not type it.
- _____ Read the National Junior Honor Society Constitution – you will find this on the NJHS page of the Medlin website
- _____ **Sign the NJHS Compliance form** stating that you have read and understand the National Junior Honor Society Constitution and By-laws
- _____ Have a parent or guardian sign the same above form stating that they have read and understand the National Junior Honor Society Constitution and By-laws
- _____ Bring your completed application (including essay), letters of recommendation, **and the signed NJHS compliance form no later** (you may turn it in earlier) than **Wednesday Jan. 31st by 9:00 AM** to Mrs. Romero(C116) or Ms. Miller(C101) **DO NOT** just leave it on her desk!