

**NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY**  
**LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, Citizenship  
**Personal Narrative Essay**

**Prompt:**

Write a short essay to describe how you have met the five core values of National Junior Honor Society: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Pick at least 3 of those values to discuss in your essay (you may use all 5). Provide examples and stories of times you have shown these characteristics.

**Requirements:**

- Type your essay in 12-point font
- Minimum of 250 words and maximum of 750 words
- Include word count at the end of essay
- Essay is a Google Doc
- Link to essay is included with online application (make sure to give Mrs. Fast viewing or commenting privileges when you share it)
- Title of Google Doc includes your first and last name. Example:  
*HannahFastNJHSEssay*

***Note: This essay is only required for new members. If you were inducted into NJHS at Leota in a previous year you do not need to complete this essay again.***

There is an example essay on the next page to help you. (Please do not copy this essay).

### Example Essay:

Being accepted for membership in the National Junior Honor Society would be a great honor. It means that I have achieved my goal of demonstrating my determination and willingness to help people and serve the community. I believe that I can become a valuable member of the NJHS because I possess all the qualities required by this organization: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

My academic achievements are the result of my perseverance and hard work. I have shown scholarship by having a B+ or better in all my classes. I make sure to turn in my homework on time and study for tests. When I do not do well on an assignment or test, I make sure to revise or retake it to improve my grade. In addition, I have been taking challenge courses and have participated in many academic competitions such as the Future Problem Solving Club. At Leota Middle School, I have also had a chance to develop my leadership skills through sports, helping my team win two competitions. I often become a head of many activities, such as staging plays or organizing segments for the Leota Lion Channel. My personal character traits help me to gain the trust and respect of my peers as they believe me to be an open-minded and dependable person. I have learned to solve problems and conflicts in a positive way, and I am always ready to assist my peers when it is needed.

The skills mentioned above can be useful not only at school but also in the community, where I always try to take an active part. For example, each year my family and I spend the holiday season participating in community service by volunteering at the local soup kitchen. Sometimes they need us to serve the food, prep and cook the food, or do cleanup. I believe that giving back to your community is an important aspect of being a good citizen. I feel it is my duty to contribute by being an example for others so that our society becomes what we want it to be. My academic and personal achievements show that I will be a valuable member of the Leota chapter of NJHS.