

## National Junior Honor Society Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the National Junior Honor Society at Friendswood Junior High School. 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 ideals will be considered as the basis for your selection as well as a fundamental part of our chapter activities. No student is inducted simply because of a high academic average. The National Junior Honor Society strives to recognize the total student—one who excels in all of these areas.

Induction into the FJH Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society requires the following commitment on the part of the student:

- Maintain a cumulative average of 90 or above for the first semester of the school year
- Participate in NJHS meetings
- Complete **6** hours of community service **prior** to turning in the application and accrue a minimum of another **24** hours during the year following their induction.
- Demonstrate leadership, good citizenship and character at Friendswood Junior High and in the community.

If you have any questions about the obligations of being a member of NJHS or about the application process, please contact the advisor.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Hammond*

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## National Junior Honor Society Application Checklist

Directions:

- Please **PRINT** all information below
- Complete this form and staple to the top of the pack of application materials.
- Application materials are due **February 18, 2026** by 3:45 p.m.
- Late materials will not be accepted or considered.

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

The following items must be included in your completed application packet:

- Candidate Accomplishments form (completed by applicant)
- Cumulative average of 90 or better
- Recommendation forms (3)(Completed by adult leaders: scouts, sports, religious leaders, teachers, etc.)
  - One (1) form must be completed by a community member (*Submit form in sealed envelope with signature of adult completing the form across the seal.*)
  - Two (2) forms must be completed by Friendswood Junior High teachers whose classes you are enrolled in this year. (*Teachers will submit forms directly to the NJHS adviser*)

Please list below the three (3) people from whom you have requested recommendation forms.

1.) \_\_\_\_\_ (*community member - not a teacher at FJH*)

2.) \_\_\_\_\_ (*current FJH teacher*)

3.) \_\_\_\_\_ (*current FJH teacher*)

- Essay: Attach an essay (300-500 words) detailing what specific qualities you possess that strengthen your application to the NJHS. Explain the purpose for wanting to join and how committed you will be to the tenets of the NJHS. Give specific examples of how you have reached your goals through character and service. And, state points of what you think would make our school a better place for all students.
- Community Service Record form totaling at least 6 completed hours (please obtain the necessary signatures for the service record)

## Friendswood Junior High School National Junior Honor Society

### Candidate Accomplishments

Directions: The National Junior Honor Society is not solely interested in your scholastic average and academic accomplishments, but rather in you as a complete person. Please thoughtfully consider all sections and provide any information that you believe the Faculty Council should take into account during the selection process. Do not be modest. Every bit of information will be used by the Faculty Council to assist with the fair consideration of your candidacy during the selection process.

Completion and submission of this form does not guarantee selection. Should you have questions about this form, please contact Mrs. Hammond

#### I. Candidate Information (PLEASE fill out COMPLETELY!)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade level \_\_\_\_\_

Student Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

II. Leadership ----- List all elected or appointed leadership positions or other positions of responsibility held in school or the community. Only those positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others should be included (i.e. elected officer for student body, class, or club; committee chairperson, team captain, or other community leader). Please explain how you have been involved, and what this leadership has meant to you.

III. Activities ----- List all activities in which you have participated. These may include sports, clubs, teams, musical groups, student council, etc. Please explain your involvement and accomplishments in these areas.

IV. Awards/Recognition ----- Being invited to join the NJHS is an award in and of itself. Please share any other awards or recognition you have received that you would like for the Faculty Council to know about. Please include when you received the listed awards or recognitions.

V. Citizenship ----- List all other school-based activities and community activities (that you have not previously listed), which promote citizenship. Citizenship would encompass upholding school/classroom rules, displaying appropriate behavior in school and in the community, and showing an appreciation for the spirit of community.

VI. Community Service----- An important component of Honor Society is service in and for our local and global communities. *A minimum of 6 hours of community service completed within the last calendar year is required in order to be considered for the NJHS.* Service cannot be to immediate family members and cannot be for pay.

- Describe one of the ways you have participated in a community service activity in the past 12 months.

- Why did you choose this particular community service?

· Reflect on your experience—How did this help improve your community and what did you learn?

VI. Signatures

I understand that completing and submitting this form does not guarantee selection to the Honor Society. I attest the information presented here is complete and accurate. If selected, I agree to abide by the standards and guidelines of the chapter and to fulfill all of my membership obligations to the best of my ability.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature

Date

I have read the information provided by my son/daughter on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature

Date

\* \_\_\_\_\_

Parent phone number(s)/contact information

**Please submit the completed form to the main office or to Mrs. Hammond by February 18, 2026 by 3:45 p.m.**

## Friendswood Junior High

### National Junior Honor Society Community Member Recommendation

Please provide this document to the community member writing your recommendation

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The student named above has identified themselves as a candidate for selection to Friendswood Junior High School's Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Candidacy begins by meeting the scholarship criterion of a cumulative average of 90 or better; however, candidates must demonstrate and offer proof of the other tenets of the National Junior Honor Society, which are character, leadership, service and citizenship.

Each candidate must submit a Letter of Recommendation from an adult not affiliated with Friendswood Junior High. This letter should not come from a family member. The Letter of Recommendation should be based on genuine interactions with the student and completed by an adult such as a youth leader, advisor, coach, former teacher, etc.

Members of the National Junior Honor Society exemplify the tenets of Scholarship, Leadership, Character, Service, and Citizenship. Membership in this organization is both an honor AND a responsibility. Your Letter of Recommendation should address the following tenets of the National Junior Honor Society:

- ❖ Character: displays an understanding of right/wrong; makes appropriate choices; treats others with respect
- ❖ Leadership: displays the actions of a role model; leads by example; promotes and is engaged in school activities and/or community activities
- ❖ Service: displays a willingness to help others; assists those around them; understands the value of serving others
- ❖ Citizenship: upholds the rules of the community; displays appropriate behavior; appreciates the spirit of community

The Letter of Recommendation should be placed in a sealed envelope with a signature across the flap and returned to the student and is due to the advisor no later than 2/18/26. Your cooperation in this important selection process is greatly appreciated.

## Friendswood Junior High

### National Junior Honor Society Recommendation – Current Teacher

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These recommendation forms should be based on genuine interactions with the student and completed by an adult such as a youth leader, advisor, coach, teacher, etc. (no parents or relatives, please). Should you rate this candidate poor or below average on one of the criteria (either a score of one or two), please provide an additional comment, which addresses the rationale behind your rating.

Please be sure to sign this form. In the event that you have had no genuine interactions with this student in these areas, please attest to that fact by checking the box at the bottom, signing and returning the form.

FJH Staff: Please return this form to the advisor by **02/18/26**.

**Candidate's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the following categories on a scale of 1-4. Cross out any category you feel is not applicable to your experiences with this candidate.

	1 - Poor	2 - Below Average	3 - Good	4 - Outstanding	Don't know
Leadership	1	2	3	4	
Service	1	2	3	4	
Character	1	2	3	4	
Citizenship	1	2	3	4	

**Comments:**

\_\_\_\_ I certify that my ratings and comments are sound and based on professional interaction with this candidate.

\_\_\_\_ I believe that I have had insufficient professional interaction with the above-name candidate and/or I choose not to participate in the evaluation process for this student.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Friendswood Junior High Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society  
Personal Community Service Record**

Date of Service	Description of Service Activity	Number of Hours Completed	Supervisor's Signature <i>(not a Parent)</i>	Supervisor's Email or Phone Number

*I verify the above hours were completed without pay and were a benefit to the community.*

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature Date

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature Date