



Thomas Jefferson

National Junior Honor Society Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the National Junior Honor Society at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. Membership in NJHS is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a student.

Our chapter strives to give practical meaning and uphold the standards of: *scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.*

The five standards listed above will serve as the basis for the selection process. 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 five chapter standards.

If you are chosen to be inducted into the Thomas Jefferson Chapter of the NJHS, you will be expected to:

- Maintain an average of at least 90% in all regular core subjects with nothing less than 90% in electives and at least an 85% in advanced/plus level core subjects
- Participate in all NJHS meetings (scheduled via NJHS google classroom)
- Complete 10 hours of individual community service per school year
 - Service does not include that which is to immediate family members or a situation where you accept payment
- Participate in the NJHS chapter community service project
- Demonstrate leadership, good citizenship and character at Thomas Jefferson Middle School and the community of Rockaway Borough
- Attendance is Mandatory for NJHS Ceremony in March - exact date will be announced
- Pay an annual due for the chapter of \$20 per member per year - as per the NJHS organization

If you have any questions about the obligations of becoming an NJHS member or about the application process, please see the advisor.

Sincerely,
Ms. Dennison

National Junior Honor Society Application Checklist

Directions:

- Please **PRINT** all information below - May use separate paper for responses if needed
- Complete this form and staple it to the top of the packet of application materials.

Application Materials are due **December 19th, 2025 by 3:01 pm.** Late materials will not be considered.

Candidate Name: _____

Grade: _____

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

- Candidate Accomplishment Form
- Averages of at least 90% in all core subjects with nothing less than an 85% in electives
- Community Service Record Sheet
- Recommendation forms (3) ***Must be completed by an adult other than your parent.***

- One form must be completed by a **community member** (envelope should be sealed with signature across the seal)
- One form must be completed by a **Thomas Jefferson teacher**. The teacher will submit the form directly to the NJHS advisor - Ms. Dennison.
 - One form by either a teacher or community member.

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

1) _____ (community member)

2) _____ (TJ teacher)

3) _____ (either community member or teacher)

Thomas Jefferson Middle School National Junior Honor Society
Candidate Accomplishments

Directions: The National Junior Honor Society is not solely interested in your GPA and academic accomplishments, but rather in you as a complete individual. Please thoughtfully consider all sections and provide any information that you believe the Faculty Council should take into account during the selection process. You may use a separate piece of paper if needed for extra space to write out responses.

Please know that a completed submission of this form does not guarantee selection. Should you have questions about this form, please contact Ms. Dennison.

I. Candidate Information

Name & Current grade level

II. Leadership- Are there situations in which you have taken on a leadership role (directing and motivating others), such as Student Government, leadership, Scouts, church/synagogue groups, team captain, etc? List all elected or appointed leadership positions or other positions of responsibility. 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, musical study, drama, after school work, 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 recognitions 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. **Community Service**- An important component of Honor Society is service in and for our local and global communities. A **minimum of 10 hours** of community service for the school year is required to be considered for the NJHS.

[New members are required to have at least 5 hours due before the induction ceremony in March. Previous members are required to have at least 5 by the end of January].

Service does not include that which is to immediate family members or a situation where you accepted payment.

Please Attach the Community Service Record Sheet to this application form

Describe one of the community service activities in which you have participated in. Why did you choose to participate in this activity? 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 that 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.

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.

Parent Signature

Date

Please submit the completed form to Ms. Dennison by
December 19th, 2025 by 3:01 pm.

Thomas Jefferson Chapter Recommendation Form

Teacher: Please return this form directly to Ms. Dennison and **NOT** the student.
Your cooperation in this important selection process is greatly appreciated.

To be completed by student:

Student Name (print): _____

Community Member Name (print): _____

Relation to candidate (print): _____

To be completed by the teacher/community member:

Please rate this student on the following, using the scale below.

5=Outstanding 4=Above Average 3=Fair 2=Poor 1=Very Poor

Participates in class responsibly **5 4 3 2 1** Takes initiative in group situations **5 4 3 2 1**

Is self-motivated **5 4 3 2 1** Demonstrates good moral character **5 4 3 2 1**

Shows strong academic skills **5 4 3 2 1** Manages time in class **5 4 3 2 1**

How strongly would you recommend this student to be in the NJHS? (Circle one)

Very Strongly ⇌ Strongly Recommend with Reservations ⇌ Do Not Recommend Strongly ⇌ Do Not Recommend

Comments: _____

Signature

Date

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Community Member: Recommendation forms should be placed in a sealed envelope with a signature across the flap and returned to the student. Your cooperation in this important selection process is greatly appreciated.

To be completed by student:

Student Name (print): _____

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Personal Community Service Record

Date	Description of Service Activity	# of Hours Completed	Supervisor's Signature (not a parent)

I verify the above hours were completed without pay and benefited the community.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

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