

**National Junior Honor Society
Palm Harbor Middle School Chapter
Student Application Form 2026-27**

Member Information Sheet

Please complete all sections of this form. The information will be used by the faculty council to assist in selecting members. **Obtain all signatures! Reminder:** Completion of this form does not guarantee selection into NJHS. **Only students who return this form by the deadline will be considered for membership.**

Deadline: 4:15 PM, Friday October 2, 2026

No Exceptions!

Hand Deliver to the 8th Grade Office OR 4-205 Mrs. Burkart

General Information (Please Print Clearly)

Student Name _____ Cell _____

Student Email _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Cell _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

***Email addresses will be used as group communication from the sponsor(s), regarding NJHS activities. Please be sure that this email is one that is checked regularly by student or parent.**

I would like to be considered for membership in the Palm Harbor Chapter of National Junior Honor Society.

My completed packet includes the following:

1. Member information sheet
2. Essay
3. Teacher Recommendation Form
4. Student Activity form

I understand that the completion of this packet does not guarantee membership, but only that I am being considered for membership. I will accept the decision of the faculty committee charged with the responsibility of selecting members based on academic standards, personal conduct, character, leadership, and service.

Candidate Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Teacher Recommendation Form

Name of Candidate: _____

This student is eligible for membership in the NJHS. Students must obtain **three** Teacher signatures, **two** of which must be from **past academic teachers** (i.e. **Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts**) and **one** can be from an elective teacher. Selection for membership is determined by the Faculty Council and is based on outstanding scholarship (3.0 cumulative GPA), citizenship, character, leadership, and service qualities. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities. ***Only students who did not attend PHMS in previous years may use their current 8th-grade teachers.***

If you recommend the candidate according to the above stated qualifications **without reservation**, please print and sign in the space below.

Students, please be considerate by requesting recommendations at a convenient time.

1. I recommend this candidate for membership in the NJHS.

Teacher – please print name and include signature

Subject Taught

2. I recommend this candidate for membership in the NJHS.

Teacher – please print name and include signature

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Student Activity Information Sheet

Directions:

- Please complete all sections of this sheet
- Please **print clearly**.
- If you have more items than space provided, please list only the most important. Use your essay portion for details and other accomplishments that you would also like to share.

Co & Extra-Curricular Activities: List all in-school and community activities in which you have participated since the sixth grade. Include clubs, sports, teams, musical groups, major accomplishments, etc.

Activity	Grade	Major Accomplishments
<i>Ex: PHMS Chorus</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Made all-county chorus, sang solo in concert</i>

Leadership/Community Positions: List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school and the community since the sixth grade, if any. Examples include club/group officer, elected team captain, etc.

Activity	Grade	Major Accomplishments
<i>Ex: Student Council class rep.</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Class collected \$200 in "Pennies for Pinellas"</i>

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Essay Instructions

Type 2-3 paragraphs explain why you would like to be a member of the Palm Harbor chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. In this essay, you should include information about awards or recognition from any activities outside of school. Don't be bashful when explaining your accomplishments; be proud of what you have done! We want to know who you are!! **Please limit your essay to one typed page.**

You can also include a characteristic(s) of NJHS in your explanation (see them below). A great approach would be to choose one, two, or all these characteristics and create your essay around them to show who you are as an individual. As you write, be genuine and focus on what makes your experiences unique. Good luck with your essay!

1. **Scholarship:** Discuss a time when you overcame a particularly challenging academic situation or when you were recognized for academic excellence. You can also talk about how you have inspired your peers when it comes to academics. Remember to emphasize any techniques or learning strategies that have helped you excel.
2. **Participation & Leadership:** Write about your experiences as a leader, such as being a team captain, club president, or influential mentor to your peers. Show your growth as a leader, the challenges you faced, and how it helped shape you as a person. Share stories of how your leadership made a positive impact on others. This includes school clubs, teams, performance groups, and extracurricular activities in which you are involved; it also includes any activities sponsored by the community, church, or any other groups, and any work experiences. Be sure to include your accomplishments and achievements while participating in each of these activities.
Remember that you do not have to be in charge of an activity to demonstrate leadership qualities!
3. **Citizenship & Character:** Discuss a moment when you demonstrate integrity, respect, or other qualities that make you a good citizen. This could be a situation where you stood up for what you believed in, showed empathy for others, or displayed humility when faced with adversity. Character can also be what you do when no one is looking.
4. **Service:** Reflect on your significant involvement in previous community service or volunteering. You can share specific instances where you felt you made a lasting difference or how your experiences influenced your personal values. You might also want to discuss why giving back and helping others is important to you and your community.

DON'T FORGET THIS ESSAY MUST BE TYPED IN MLA FORMAT!!