

National Junior Honor Society

Application Checklist—Please staple together *in this order*

___ Application form

___ Recommendation contact information for two teachers –

- One current and one former teacher**
- 6th grade applicants may choose to have two recommendations from two current teachers.
- You must submit the name and email address of each person who will write your recommendation. The recommendations will be emailed to the advisor separately.
- If possible, give the recommending teacher a copy of teacher recommendation information letter.

___ A **printed copy** of student's *Fall 2019 semester report card* which must include:

- Name on printout (cannot be handwritten)
- It must be FALL SEMESTER's report card.*
- Do NOT use an IPR- acceptance is partially based on a SEMESTER average. That is why it must show the fall semester averages. Do NOT submit any 3rd quarter progress reports.

___ **Overall semester average:**

- To calculate the average, sum all **semester grades** and divide by the number of courses taken. Write down the average on the report card.

___ **One-page essay** (in response to the writing prompt on the application form)

- This is a piece of critical importance as it is your chance to tell the selection committee about your service, character, leadership, and citizenship.
- Essays are read without a name, so the committee will rely on you to tell them about how you exemplify the pillars of the National Junior Honor Society.

___ **\$5 application fee** (cash or check made to Cockrill Middle School-NJHS) (fee refunded if application not accepted)

Cockrill Middle School is a proud participant in the National Junior Honor Society, an organization that promotes and recognizes outstanding accomplishments in scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship, and service. **Applications must be turned in to Mr. Moore (Rm D203) the Librarian, or front office by 4 pm on Tuesday, March 3rd**

*****Application deadline Tuesday March 3rd*****

Applications will be reviewed March 3rd -20th. Students will receive notice of acceptance the week of March 23rd. In their acceptance materials, students will receive information about the date and time for the induction ceremony.

Enrollment Criteria

- Applicants must be in the second semester of the 6th grade year, or in 7th or 8th grades.
- Forms must be completed, stapled in correct order, and submitted with application fee.
- Return applications to Mr. Moore (D203), the library, or front office by Tuesday, March 3rd.
- Scholarship requirements for students enrolled in at least one advanced (PreAP/GT) course: Maintain an overall average of 88% in all classes **combined** during the 2019 fall semester. (the first two quarters of this school year). **NOTE:** Students are not required to have an 88% in each class, but the average of all grades together should be **88%** or higher.
- Scholarship requirements for students enrolled in all academic courses: Maintain an overall average of 90% in all classes **combined** during the 2019 fall semester
- Students must maintain outstanding conduct grades, receiving **no** unacceptable ratings (U) during any nine week grading period.
- Students may not have **any** suspensions.
- **Selection is determined by a committee based on the student's character, leadership, service, and citizenship.**

Membership Requirements after Induction

- All *members* must complete **3 hours of community service** (through school, scouts, church, or other organizations) **each semester**. (A service-hour sheet is available at meetings.)
- Members must attend all meetings. Students are expected to make prior arrangements for other school functions (band, choir, cheer, athletics, etc.). **NJHS meets the second Tuesday of each month after school at 3:50 in the library.** Additional meetings may be scheduled to support specific service projects or activities.

Questions?

- Please email David Moore with any questions regarding applications or the National Junior Honor Society at dmoore@mckinneyisd.net
- Please double check all materials before submitting as incomplete submissions or submissions with incorrect forms cannot be accepted.

Everyday Leadership, Service, Character and Citizenship

(As outlined by the National Honor Society)

Everyday Scholarship is a commitment to learning and growing on an educational path. It means making the most of the educational opportunities provided and seeking out learning, not only in school or similar settings, but also personally. Everyday Scholarship isn't based on a required GPA—but it does require effort. Most importantly, it stems from a desire to contribute to this world in a positive way by building on one's own knowledge, skills, and talent through different experiences.

Everyday Service is seeking out and engaging in meaningful service, not simply doing acts of service to fulfill a school, district, or program requirement, or to collect hours. As Honor Society students, many young teens and young adults at local chapters are required to meet minimum service participation requirements for service. Although hours are important, Everyday Service is seeing a need and fulfilling it voluntarily. Sometimes it's driven by a passion for a specific cause or people in need. Other times, it's driven by personal or family need, like taking care of siblings or other family members, or maybe even working part-time to help with family finances.

Everyday Leadership builds on Everyday Service. Service and leadership often times look very similar. Everyday Leadership is carrying oneself with dignity and taking ownership and responsibility for one's own actions and participation. Being a public speaker, playing quarterback, or having an official title is not required for Everyday Leadership. Everyday Leadership means being an agent—someone who takes action and responsibility—of your own pathway.

Everyday Character is valuing diverse cultures and building relationships that reflect love of self but also concern for others. There are endless attributes to good character: perseverance, respect, integrity, honesty, sacrifice—the list goes on. Good and noble character is a high calling. Oftentimes we don't "see" character unless there is a public display of self-sacrifice, or more often, a very public mistake. Everyday Character is not about praiseworthy or blameworthy behavior but the personal commitment to ethical and compassionate decision making that affects oneself and others.

Everyday Citizenship is accepting one's place and role in the community and seeking to understand the concerns and strengths of that community. Community includes but is not limited to neighborhoods, tribes, and local and regional districts. For young people in particular, Everyday Citizenship is an opportunity to be educated about and to demonstrate care for the issues that impact those who are citizens in their shared community. At NASSP, we also believe that "global citizenship" is something that binds all of us together—adults, young people, and people from different nations across borders and boundaries.

National Junior Honor Society: Dr. Jack Cockrill Middle School Chapter

Application for Membership

(Please print clearly)

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Parent Phone:	Alternate Phone:
Parent/Guardian name:	
Parent email:	
Student email:	
7 th period teacher:	

Student Agreement

I, _____, have read and understand the criteria for Membership in the Cockrill Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

I understand the consequences of probation or possible dismissal from NJHS if I fail to comply with membership requirements. I agree to uphold the high standards of NJHS and be a positive leader in my community and school.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Teacher Recommendation #1: Current Teacher

I have asked the following current teacher to submit a recommendation for me:

Teacher name: _____

Teacher email: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

I have asked the following former teacher to submit a recommendation for me:

Teacher name: _____

Teacher email: _____

Teacher signature (if possible): _____

I _____ informed my teachers of my request and handed to each
(Student name)
teacher the information provided in the hand out attached to the invitation application.

Student signature: _____

Teacher Recommendation Information Letter

Congratulations! _____ has requested that you submit a recommendation for his/her application for membership into National Junior Honor Society. Students are invited to join this prestigious organization and must submit their information by March 3rd. Please expect an email prior to or during the week of March 3rd requesting a short recommendation response for this student. All recommendation information remains private. If you have any questions you can email Mr. Moore at the email below. Thank you!



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