

*Williamsport Area Middle School*  
*National Junior Honor Society Application*  
*2019 ~ 2020*



*All applications are due on February 28, 2020, by the end of the day.*  
*Applications should be turned in at the Main Office.*

Scholarship

Distinguished HR  
High HR  
HR  
Must maintain HR status

Service

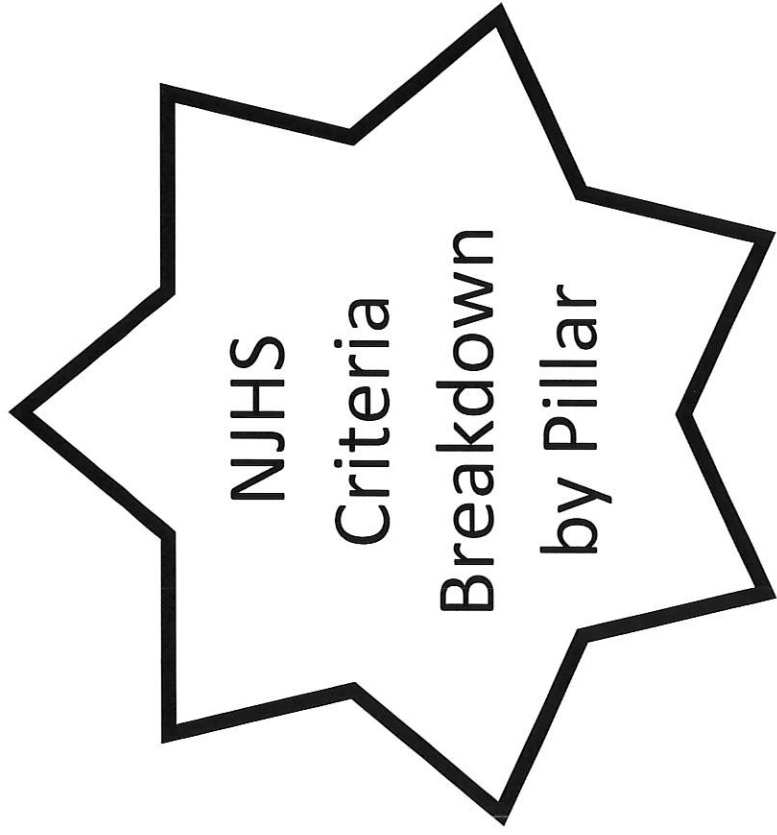
Volunteer  
\*You need to complete 8 hours of service to be considered for membership.

Leadership Examples  
(1 point each)

Band  
Choir  
Orchestra  
Jazz Band  
Chamber Choir  
Chamber Orchestra  
Musical  
Jr. County Band  
Sports  
Sports Manager  
Scholastic Writing Awards  
Scholastic Art Awards  
Local Recognition  
Math Counts  
SNAP  
Builders Club  
Yearbook Club  
TV Studio  
Helping Hands  
Library Helper  
Fiddle Club  
STEM  
3D Archeology Club  
School Newspaper  
Cheerleading  
Odyssey of the Mind  
Approved outside activities  
**Minimum of 4 points**

Character

Less than 3 demerits  
Demonstrate 6 Pillars of Character  
Respect  
Responsibility  
Trustworthiness  
Fairness  
Caring  
Citizenship  
Two teacher recommendations



# Important Dates

## Application Tutoring Sessions

- Time: 2:50pm – 3:50pm in either the library or LGI
- Dates held: 2/11, 2/13, 2/18, 2/20, 2/25 and 2/27

## Application Due Date

- 2:40pm on Friday, February 28, 2020
- All applications should be turned into the main office.

## Acceptance/Denial Notification Date

- All students that apply will be notified, by mail, about their acceptance or denial by Friday, March 27, 2020.

## Service Hours

- Eight service hours are due by Friday, April 17, 2020.
- All hours should be logged on a service sheet and turned into the main office.

## Induction Ceremony

- Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 2:00pm
- The ceremony will be held in the cafetorium at WAMS
- All students that are accepted for this school year should plan on attending and should dress nicely.



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**Directions:** Please complete the following form in its entirety by printing neatly in blue/black ink. Applications completed in pencil will not be considered. Do not be modest! Every piece of information may be used by the committee to assist with the selection process. **COMPLETION OF THIS FORM DOES NOT GUARANTEE SELECTION FOR MEMBERSHIP and in no way implies membership into the National Honor Society at the Williamsport Area High School.** All application materials, (except service hours), are due to the main office no later than **Friday, February 28, 2020 at 2:40 pm. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

## Contact Information

Applicant  
Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Last* *First* *M.I.*

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Street Address* *Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_

*City* *State* *ZIP Code*

Parent/  
Guardian  
Phone:

\_\_\_\_\_

Alternate  
Phone:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian  
E-mail Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

## School Involvement (Leadership Point Activities)

**DIRECTIONS:** Please list all school activities in which you have participated in **Grades 7-8**. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc. Remember that you need four leadership points to be considered for membership.

School Activity	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher in Charge

### Community Involvement (Leadership Point Activities)

**DIRECTIONS:** Please list all activities or groups that you are involved with, not affiliated with the school district. Examples could be Boy or Girl Scouts, your church Youth Group, Junior Strings/Youth Symphony, dance class or a travel sports team. Remember that you need four leadership points to be considered for membership.

Community Activity	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	Activity Leader

### Other Accomplishments

**DIRECTIONS:** Please list any accomplishments or awards you received in school or in outside organizations or groups (for example: captain of the travel soccer team or 1<sup>st</sup> place for your artwork at a show).

Group or Organization	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	Award received

### Other Information

**DIRECTIONS:** Please list any other relevant information you wish to share with the Faculty Committee that may be meaningful in assisting them in making their decision regarding your membership.

### Influential Teachers

**DIRECTIONS:** If you are selected to become a member of the National Junior Honor Society, the Induction Ceremony is a formal event you will be required to attend, in which your membership will be made official. We like to include the Williamsport Community in this special event. Please list ONE STAFF MEMBER, (from any grade level), who has had a positive influence on you that you would like to have invited to the ceremony if you are selected.

Name and Grade Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

### NJHS Essay Prompt

**DIRECTIONS:** Please respond to the prompt below in an essay no longer than two pages. Your response must be handwritten in blue or black ink, on a separate sheet of paper. Any essay type written or written in pencil will not be considered. Be sure your first and last name is at the top right hand corner of the paper.

**PROMPT:**

- (1) While interested in your academic and community achievement, the NJHS is also interested in your attitude toward what it holds most important: Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service. Explain why you think you would be a good representative for the National Junior Honor Society based on the four pillars (listed previously). Consider how you could make our chapter of the NJHS a better organization and how you intend to make service a part of your life.

*As you write your response remember to:* Organize your ideas logically and effectively. Include specific details from your own experience that clearly develops your response. Edit your response for standard grammar and language usage. Committee members will be using the PSSA Informative Writing Rubric to evaluate your essay.

If you are stuck on the essay, don't worry, we are here to help! There are tutoring sessions available to help you with the essay, (and the rest of the application), during the month of February. Each tutoring session will go from 2:50pm – 3:50pm and will be held in either the library or the LGI. Dates for the tutoring sessions are as follows: 2/11, 2/13, 2/18, 2/20, 2/25 and 2/27. These sessions are open to any student applying for the NJHS.

## National Junior Honor Society Community Service and Scholarship Statement

The National Junior Honor Society recognizes and encourages the development of character, leadership, scholarship, citizenship, and community service. Community service is a required activity of NJHS members. It is a means of demonstrating the acceptance of the responsibilities of building good citizenship, building good character, developing leadership skills, and increasing civic involvement.

Community service is best defined as any activity whose impact is felt within the community, even if the community is only one or two people, and for our school community within the Williamsport Area Middle School. Any student applying for membership to the NJHS is required to complete 8 service hours, doing a service activity/activities of your choosing. A Service Log is included in this application packet for you fill out as you complete your service hours.

I hereby agree to complete 8 hours of service as part of my contribution to my community and in fulfillment of the requirement of the National Junior Honor Society. Academically, I will work to maintain my honor roll status. I will continue to represent my school positively and serve as a role model for my peers by exhibiting good, moral character in my daily actions.

### Signatures

I understand that completing and submitting this form does not guarantee selection to the National Junior Honor Society. I attest that 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 according to the Member Contract.

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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.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



## Williamsport Area Middle School National Junior Honor Society

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Before handing your application in, please staple the following items together:

- Application
- Community Service Log (if applicable)
- Essay

Students will be notified, by mail, about acceptance or denial. With around 150 students invited to apply this year, the NJHS committee does not want to rush the selection process. Therefore, all applicants will be informed of their membership status by Friday, March 27, 2020. We thank you for your patience as we review all applications.

When you decide to apply, you should start your community service hours right away. If you are selected as a member, your 8 hours will need to be completed by Friday, April 17, 2020.

Please mark your calendars now! The Induction Ceremony will take place on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 2:00pm in the Williamsport Area Middle School cafeteria. Students will need to be dressed nicely (no jeans or sneakers and all outfits must follow the school dress code).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email:

Phone: (570) 323-6177

Email: [wamsnjhs@wasd.org](mailto:wamsnjhs@wasd.org)



# Williamsport Area Middle School National Junior Honor Society Teacher Recommendation Form

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

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

The student named above is a candidate for membership in the Williamsport Area Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Membership in this organization is based upon scholarship, leadership, service and character. The Williamsport Area Middle School's definition of each of these characteristics can be found on the back of this form.

***Please fill out this form to the best of your ability. If you need to rate a student with a two or below, please explain your reasons in the space provided and attach any supporting documentation. All forms need to be completed and returned to the box in the office mailbox room by Friday, February 28, 2020.***

Please rate this student on the following scale with five being the highest possible score. Use the student's classroom behaviors as a basis for this rating. ***For example, a student's willingness to help others counts towards their service rating.***

SCHOLARSHIP: 0 1 2 3 4 5

***Reason for rating:***

\_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE: 0 1 2 3 4 5

***Reason for rating:***

\_\_\_\_\_

LEADERSHIP: 0 1 2 3 4 5

***Reason for rating:***

\_\_\_\_\_

CHARACTER: 0 1 2 3 4 5

***Reason for rating:***

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Name and Date**

***Note to Student:*** You need to approach your teacher to ask them to complete the recommendation form; the NJHS committee will not do that for you. Your teacher will then submit the form to the office. You will not collect it and turn it in with your application packet. If you ask a teacher outside of WAMS for a recommendation, please have them return the form to Laura Garside once it is completed.

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**Williamsport Area Middle School**  
**National Junior Honor Society**  
**Community Service Log (Volunteer Hours)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Students: List service activities you have participated in. These can be service projects done with a group either in our out of school, or done as individual projects performing service. Generally speaking, service activities are those done on the behalf of or for others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given.

You can use the same service log for multiple activities; just be sure to get the supervisor signature for each activity that you place on the sheet. If you do multiple days with the same organization/group, please use the same sheet and list multiple dates.

- \*Babysitting for a neighbor DOES NOT COUNT!
- \*You must complete 16 hours as a returning NJHS member. New members will need to complete 8 hours of service.

EX.

Activity/Organization	Date	Hours	Supervisor Signature
Babysitting at Church	10/23/16	1	Mrs. Church Lady

Please fill out the following log to track your service hours.

Activity/Organization	Date	Hours	Supervisor Signature

Total Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Do not forget to fill out the back of this form.

**Please describe your service activity below:**

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**What was your favorite part of this activity?**

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**Would you suggest this activity to other NJHS Members? Why or why not?**

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**Who can they contact to volunteer?**

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_