



National Junior Honor Society **Meyerland Performing & Visual Arts Chapter**



Membership Eligibility

Dear Meyerland Student:

National Junior Honor Society is an organization of students that strive not only for high academic standards but also seek to be leaders in the school and the community. Students exemplify citizenship and service through volunteer work on campus and all over the city for numerous causes. They show leadership in the school by helping with events throughout the year. They exhibit good character and model expectations in their everyday choices and behaviors. This year we facilitated a campus and bayou clean-up, helped with Greyhound Camp, helped the PTO with uniform sales, and helped run a Halloween Carnival for kids! Next year we plan to expand further and become an even greater presence around campus and in the community. We look forward to you being a part of it!

To apply for membership, you must complete the following application. This year we have a modified application process to accommodate the current situation. We are requesting that applications be mailed in to Mr. Flores at mpvahonorsociety@gmail.com by June 12th, 2020. There will be another opportunity to apply at the beginning of the 2020 -21 school year.

Requirements for membership:

- **Must be entering 8th Grade for the 2020 – 2021 school year.**
- **Cumulative report card average of at least 89.5 for both 6th and 7th Grade years.**
- **Conduct grades of “E” or “S” only. No “P” or “U” conduct grades will be accepted in any class.**
- **No discipline referrals for the 6th or 7th grade school years.**
- **Completed application, past report cards, and teacher recommendations turned in by June 12th, 2020 deadline.**
- **Upon acceptance, payment of \$15 chapter dues. (\$30 if you would like a NJHS T-shirt)**

Should you be accepted into the chapter, you will be expected to maintain your membership by adhering to the following criteria:

- No more than 3 absences from called chapter meetings, online or otherwise. (1 meeting per month) Arrangements will have to be made to accommodate these meetings.
- Report cards must be provided to your Advisor within one week of receiving them and you must maintain a cumulative average above an 89.5 with no grades below an 80.
- Participate and provide proper documentation of 60 hours of community service over the course of the year. (5 per month will keep you on track.)

Checklist for Application

- ❑ A copy of your current report card (up to 5th 6-weeks)
- ❑ A copy of your final 6th Grade Report Card (if you have access to it)
- ❑ Completed Clubs/Activities/Electives Section
- ❑ Teacher Recommendation #1
- ❑ Teacher Recommendation #2
- ❑ Personal Recommendation
- ❑ List of Current Teachers
- ❑ Personal Essay #1
- ❑ Personal Essay #2
- ❑ Signed & Dated Applicant Agreement
- ❑ Email completed application to mpvahonorsociety@gmail.com

Applicant Name: _____

Activities:

List all activities or clubs you have participated in either at school or in the community. Please only include activities from 6th or 7th grade. You may also list any elective classes that you would like to include as part of your application. (You do not have to fill all lines.)

Activity/Club	Grade	Sponsor's Name
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Recommendation Letters

You will need to ask two teachers (from either 6th or 7th Grade) and one personal reference (other than a family member) to write recommendations for you. Ask them to refer to your leadership, character, and citizenship. Your personal reference must include their relationship to you and how long they have known you.

Recommendations must be emailed in to mpvahonorsociety@gmail.com by June 12th, 2020.

Please ask your references to use the subject line: (Your Name) 2020 Recommendation

The following descriptions may be used to help:

- **Leadership**
Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.
- **Character**
The student of good character is cooperative; demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others.
- **Citizenship**
The student who demonstrates citizenship understands the importance of civic engagement; respects the HISD Student Code of Conduct; demonstrates mature participation & responsibility and maintains a clean disciplinary record.
- **Scholarship**
A student should maintain a high academic standard for themselves. Their work should illustrate a standard of excellence.
- **Service**
This involves voluntary contributions made by a student to the classroom, school, or community, done without compensation.

Please List Your Current Teachers:

Period	Subject	Teacher
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

Your teachers will be contacted to ask for any input they would like to provide on your qualifications as an applicant.

Answer the following 2 questions. (These may be typed in a separate word document if you would prefer.)

Scholarship – Leadership – Citizenship – Service – Character

Which of the 5 Pillars of the National Junior Honor Society do feel you represent best? Explain why you feel this way. *(Use the definitions on the recommendations page for clarification on each pillar.)*

Which of the 5 Pillars do you feel you would like to grow in most over the next year? Explain why you chose the pillar you did and how you think NJHS might help you achieve that growth.



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National Junior Honor Society Applicant Agreement 2020-2021

Read the following statement and, if you understand and agree, sign and date below.

After you have been inducted into the National Junior Honor Society, you become a representative of this organization. You must maintain the same high standards used as a basis for your election or you risk removal.

- You will be expected to show Service by participating in National Junior Honor Society service functions. While NJHS provides opportunities throughout the year for students to be active in the community and on campus, it will be necessary to find other volunteer opportunities outside of school in order to fulfill the service hours requirement. Many of these service projects take place on the weekends so you are expected to make the time in your schedule to earn the hours you need. You are expected to turn in 60 service hours before the last day of school.
- You are expected to show Character through your positive actions and interactions with your peers and teachers. You will contribute to a positive school environment and help others when you can.
- You are expected to represent Scholarship by maintaining a cumulative grade above an 89.5 each 6-weeks. You are expected to earn no grade lower than an 80 in any class. You are expected to turn in a copy of your report card each six-weeks within 1 week of receiving it.
- You are expected to show Citizenship through your support of and participation in other school programs. You are expected to refrain from any activity that may result in a discipline referral. You are expected to attend monthly chapter meetings.

Following these expectations will make you a Leader in the school and a prized member of the Meyerland Performing & Visual Arts Middle School chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Applicant Printed Name _____

Date

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____
