

## **National Junior Honor Society Application**

### **Davis Junior High Chapter**



#### ***Obligations of Membership***

Membership in NJHS is an honor; in fact, to prove worthy of the honor, members of this national society must meet the following obligations:

1. *Service:*
  - a. Chapter Service Projects – all members participate and promote the NJHS Group Service Projects. Service projects take place throughout the school year, with one major project each quarter.
  - b. Individual Service Projects – all members independently complete an additional fifteen hours of service before the Induction Ceremony date. This service may be completed for a church group, a scout group, a community volunteer effort, and/or opportunities offered at Davis Junior High.
2. *Scholarship:*
  - a. As an Honor Society, we have high expectations for academic performance. NJHS members must maintain a 3.67 GPA throughout the school year.
3. *Leadership:*
  - a. Members of NJHS act as student leaders, providing a positive role model to other Davis Junior High students.
4. *Citizenship:*
  - a. All members comply with school rules. Office referrals, detentions, or suspension for behavioral issues are not acceptable for members of NJHS.
5. *Character:*
  - a. Members of NJHS strive to develop the following character traits: responsibility, respect, patience, courage, caring, integrity, self-control, cooperation, and perspective.

Further Obligations:

1. **Dues:** Membership to the organization is free; however, students will be required to purchase an NJHS t-shirt at the beginning of the school year for \$15.00.
2. **Meeting Attendance:** Members are expected to attend all scheduled membership meetings. Members who cannot attend a scheduled meeting must provide a written excuse to the Chapter advisors.

When membership obligations are not met:

- Students who have been unable to fulfill obligations of our NJHS Chapter are notified in writing that they are on probationary status. Those on probation will have no less

than one academic quarter and no more than one academic semester to demonstrate their ability and willingness to fulfill all obligations of membership in order to be considered a member in good standing. If they are unable to maintain membership obligations, the Faculty Council will hold a hearing to consider the student's dismissal from the Chapter.

- Dismissal hearings provide the probationary member with due process rights. The member may present reasons s/he should be allowed to maintain NJHS membership. If the Faculty Council rules for dismissal from the Chapter, the student may file a formal, written appeal with the principal asking for reinstatement. The principal has full authority over all actions and decisions of the Faculty Council on discipline of dismissal of members.
- Resignation of Chapter Membership
  - Personal situations may change, and NJHS members could find themselves unable to fulfill the obligations of NJHS membership. In this situation, members have the option of tendering a letter of resignation instead of facing a disciplinary hearing and/or dismissal from the DJH chapter. Members are urged to meet with the NJHS sponsor(s) if they feel their situation may warrant resignation from NJHS; sponsor(s) will work with probationary members to find ways to remain members in good standing.

## Application Process



Directions: Please complete all sections. All information must be typed or completed in blue or black ink. Do not write in pencil. Please return the application, a printed copy of your report card from PowerSchool, your application essay, and sealed letters of recommendation in a sealed manila folder to Ms. Trpcevski in Room C318, no later than 3:15 PM on Friday, May 19, 2017. You may also mail your application packet to Davis Junior High School, attn. Angela Trpcevski. **Your application must be signed by both you and your parent or guardian to be considered.** Please understand that to be fair to all applicants, NO forms will be accepted after this time.

Do not be modest. Every bit of information will be used by the faculty council to assist with the fair consideration of your candidacy during the selection process. **Completion of this form does not guarantee selection.** If you have questions about this form or National Junior Honor Society, please contact Ms. Trpcevski at [angela.trpcevski@uticak12.org](mailto:angela.trpcevski@uticak12.org).

- Please read the attendance policy and requirements (previous page) before applying; make sure that you are able to make the commitment to National Junior Honor Society. If you cannot commit to this attendance policy, please do not apply.
  - We meet once a month; meetings are after school from 3:10 to 4:30 PM. You are allowed two excused absences from the meetings. *These would include days you miss due to athletic practices, games, doctors' appointments, etc.* Any days missed will count for your two excused absences.
  - Mandatory attendance is expected for two major fundraisers, which will be announced in September.
  - Mandatory attendance is expected for the NJHS induction ceremony, to be held in late March/early April.

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### I. Demographic Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level in Spring 2017 \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Print out a copy of your last report card (spring semester) and add it to your application folder.

## II. Essay

Write a 4 paragraph essay, following the format below. Essays need to be typed using size 12, Times New Roman font. Your essay should be double-spaced.

- 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph: What specific qualities do you possess that strengthen your application to the National Junior Honor Society? Explain the purpose for wanting to join and how committed you will be to the National Junior Honor Society.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph: Explain why you would be an asset to the National Junior Honor Society at Davis Junior High School. Include examples of how you could make positive changes at Davis and make it a better place.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph: Explain how you have reached your goals through character and service. Explain what types of volunteer services you have done such as fundraisers (not for family members). Include any stories that illustrate your strengths in your leadership abilities. For example, were you an elected officer for the student body, class, club, newspaper editor, safety patrol officer, etc.? Please do not include any examples before 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph: Explain why community service is important and what impact it has had on you. What difference do you think you have made, and what have you learned from the experience?

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## III. Letters of Recommendation

Three letters of recommendation are required: two from educators such as a former/present principal or former/present teacher, and one from an adult who can vouch for your character.

**Forms are attached in this packet** (see page 5).

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## IV. Other Student/Community Activities

List all school-based or community activities in which you have participated in, and note any accomplishments in each. List the ones that you are proud of, and you think would be a strong aspect for National Junior Honor Society. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., as well as activities outside of school in which you participated for the improvement of your community.

- ❖ **For example:** Boy/Girl Scouts, community art endeavors, clubs sponsored outside of school, etc.
  - These activities cannot be sports-related.
  - Your activity cannot be done for your parents and/or family. It has to be done by someone you are not related to. No activity before 5<sup>th</sup> grade may be listed.
- ❖ Please include the name of the adult supervisor and his/her phone number in each activity.

<b>Activity</b> (use back of form if out of room)	<b>Accomplishments/Office Held/Awards</b>	<b>Adult Supervisor/Contact Information</b>	<b>Grade/Year</b>

## V. Experience, Recognition, and Awards

This is not a specific criterion for memberships, but please list below any job experiences, honors, or recognition that you have received that supports your candidacy for membership in the Honor Society. Work experience may be paid or volunteer. **Do not repeat any previous information, or it will not be accepted.**

- ❖ **For example:** Worked in a soup kitchen, or a part-time job at a clinic.
- **NOT an example:** Helping a friend with homework.

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## VI. Signatures

I understand that completing this form does not guarantee selection to the National Junior Honor Society. I attest that ALL of the information presented here is complete and accurate. If selected, I agree to abide by all of the standards and guidelines of the chapter, and to fulfill all of my membership obligations to the best of my ability. If I don't follow these standards, I understand that my membership could be easily terminated.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have read all of this information provided by my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ on this form, and I can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete. I understand that my son/daughter has to follow by ALL of the standards and guidelines of this chapter.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- Return the complete application, along with your essay and three sealed letters of recommendation in a manila envelope with your full name on the front of the envelope to Ms. Trpcevski in room C318 no later than 3:15 PM on Friday, May 19, 2017.

**Principal or Teacher Letter of Recommendation**

Please make sure you answer everything below to the best of your ability. This will remain confidential. After you complete the letter, place it in a sealed envelope and sign across the seal on the back. You may then give the sealed envelope to the student.

**Name of Student** \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known this student, and to what extent? \_\_\_\_\_

Please give specific examples of the following:

- Is this person respectful to you and others? **YES** or **NO**.

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- Do you think this student would be a positive addition to National Junior Honor Society? **YES** or **NO**. Explain why or why not.

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- Does this student display qualities that you would consider to be those of an honor student? **YES** or **NO**. Briefly explain.

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- Does this person have a strong work ethic? **YES** or **NO**. Give an example.

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- How would you describe this student's citizenship in class?

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- Does this student possess leadership qualities? Please explain.

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**What specific qualities does this student possess that would make him/her a valued member of the David Junior High National Junior Honor Society?**

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Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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