

## **National Junior Honor Society Application Packet**

Thank you for your interest in membership to the Coupland School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society for the 2019-2020 school year. Students are selected based on their scholarship, citizenship, and character.

Please read the page that describes NJHS and discusses the commitment required for membership. If you are interested in becoming a member, you will need to complete the application and be selected by the Faculty Council for membership into the National Junior Honor Society.

Attached is the required application form, which must be submitted on or before Monday, April 29, 2019. Please return the form to Mr. Brinkman in the main office at Coupland School. The application must be turned in and complete with all signatures by the specified date, or your application will not be considered for induction into the NJHS.

A formal invitation will be delivered to all applicants who meet the requirements by May 14, 2019. The induction ceremony date will be included in the formal invitation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paul Brinkman at [pbrinkman@couplandisd.org](mailto:pbrinkman@couplandisd.org).

Again, thank you for your interest in applying for NJHS! We encourage you to discuss this nomination with your parents and apply by May 29, 2019.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Paul Brinkman  
NJHS Chapter Advisor  
**Coupland School**

## 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: All members must participate and promote the NJHS Group Service Projects. We will have at least one group project each year. All members independently complete an additional 6 hours of service per semester or twelve hours each year. This service may be completed for a church group, a scout group, a community volunteer effort, and/or opportunities offered at Coupland School.
2. Scholarship: As an Honor Society, we have high expectations for academic performance. NJHS members must maintain a 90% average or higher in all core classes.
3. Leadership: Members of NJHS act as student leaders, providing a positive role model to other Coupland students.
4. Citizenship: All members comply with school rules. Office referrals, detentions, or suspension for behavior issues are not acceptable for members of NJHS.
5. Character: Members of NJHS strive to develop the following character traits: responsibility, respect, patience, courage, caring, integrity, self-control, cooperation, and perspective.

### Further Obligations:

1. All NJHS members are required to attend monthly meetings.
2. All members are required to pay yearly ***dues of \$15.***

# National Junior Honor Society Application Form

Coupland School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society



**Directions:** Please complete the following form in its entirety by typing the information or printing neatly in blue/black ink. Please be thorough. Every piece of information may be used by the Faculty Council to assist with the selection process. **COMPLETION OF THIS FORM DOES NOT GUARANTEE SELECTION FOR MEMBERSHIP!**

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## I. Personal Information

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's/Guardian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Required Signatures

I understand that completing this form does not guarantee selection to NJHS, and that the information presented here is complete and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*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 in its presentation.

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

This student has shown good behavior (NO ISS or office referrals during the 2018-2019 school year.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Administrator's Signature (Applicant must obtain) Date*

**II. Co-curricular Activities:** List all activities in which you have participated since sixth grade. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and major accomplishments in each.

Activity	Year			Accomplishments
	6	7	8	

III. **Service Activities:** List service activities in which you have participated. These can be service projects done with a group in or out of school, or done as individual projects performing service. Generally speaking, service activities are those that are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given. Please list the name of an adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each activity.

Activity	Year			Signature of Adult Supervisor
	6	7	8	

**IV. Other Community Activities:** List community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment in each. These should be any activities outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community. For example, community activities include: religious groups, clubs sponsored outside of school, Boy or Girl Scouts, or community art endeavors. **Do not repeat participation already listed.**

Community Activity	Year			Signature of Adult Supervisor
	6	7	8	

### **Essay Question: Character and Citizenship**

Think of three character traits you possess. Examples could include: bravery, joyfulness, punctuality, kindness, loyalty, cheerfulness, honesty, thankfulness, patience, humor, sharing, understanding, tolerance, cooperation, perseverance, fairness, generosity, etc.

Briefly explain how you have exhibited these three characteristics and how they have benefited your school and community. Please provide a few descriptive examples to support each trait (you can use your Activity Information from this application to help you!)

Next, explain how these character traits could serve your school and community if you are inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.

*Don't be bashful when explaining your accomplishments; be proud of what you have done!*

Guidelines:

**Essay format** (4 paragraphs):

-Paragraph 1- Introductory sentence/s

-Paragraph 2- Your three character traits and supporting examples

-Paragraph 3- Connection to how these traits will benefit others as a NJHS member

-Paragraph 4- Concluding sentence/s

Please **type** your essay, **double-spaced**, in **12 point font**.

Please keep your essay to approximately **150-300 words** (this is about 1 to 1 ½ pages double spaced) *to check your word count In Microsoft Word, highlight the text, go to "Tools," and choose "Word Count"*

Be **creative!!!**

**Proofread!!!!** Use proper **grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling!**

Make sure your **first and last name** and **grade** level are in the **top right corner** of your essay.

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### National Junior Honor Society Teacher Recommendation Form

This student is eligible for membership in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Students must obtain four teacher signatures, **two** of which must be from **current or last year's core (ELAR, Math, Social Studies, or Science) teachers, and one from a current or past elective or core teacher.** *Students, please be considerate by requesting recommendations at a convenient time.*

Selection for membership is determined by the Faculty Council and is based on outstanding **scholarship** (90% or better grade point average), **citizenship, character, leadership,** and **service.** Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

If you would recommend the candidate, according to the above stated qualifications- without reservation, please sign in the space below.

**1. I recommend this candidate, *without reservation*, for membership in the NJHS.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Current or last year's Core Subject Taught*

**2. I recommend this candidate, *without reservation*, for membership in the NJHS.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Current or last year's Core Subject Taught*

**3. I recommend this candidate, *without reservation*, for membership in the NJHS.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Past Core Subject Taught*