



**Hackensack Middle School**  
**National Junior Honor Society**  
**Application Packet 2015-2016**

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

HR: \_\_\_\_\_

Congratulations! You have been nominated for membership in the Oratam Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. This nomination is based on your grade point average (GPA), which is at least 3.65 since the beginning of seventh grade.

Membership in NJHS is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a student. Our chapter strives to give practical meaning to the Society’s standards of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.

These five ideals will be considered as the basis for your selection as well as a fundamental part of our chapter activities. No student is inducted simply because of high academic average. The National Junior Honor Society strives to recognize the total student—one who excels in all of these areas.

NJHS is not for everyone, and there is not obligation to apply once you have met the GPA criteria. But if you are interested, you must meet all application deadlines as listed below. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

If you are chosen to be inducted into the Oratam Chapter of the NJHS, you will be expected to:

- Maintain a GPA of at least 3.65, both overall and in core subjects
- Participate in all NJHS meetings (1-2 per month)
- Complete 40 hours of individual community service
- Participate in the NJHS Chapter community service project
- Demonstrate leadership, good citizenship and character at Hackensack Middle School and in the community.

If you have any questions about the obligations of being a NJHS member or about the application process, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Ms. Crista Tiboldo  
 NJHS Advisor  
 HMS Room 241A  
[c.tiboldo@hackensackschools.org](mailto:c.tiboldo@hackensackschools.org)

Important Dates:

Date	Time	Location	Activity
June 1:	3pm	241A	Application (pages 3 & 4) and essay due to Ms. Tiboldo <b>Do not return this page</b> . Late or incomplete applications will not be considered for induction.
June 8:	8:30am	Homeroom	Applicants will be notified of their application status.
June 11:	3pm	241A	All new inductees will meet with Ms. Tiboldo to discuss NJHS requirements and induction.
June 15:	3pm	Auditorium	Induction rehearsal.
June 16:	6:30pm	Auditorium	Induction ceremony.

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### Membership Obligations

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

1. **Character** - Members of NJHS strive to develop the following character traits: responsibility, respect, patience, courage, caring, integrity, self-control, cooperation, and perseverance.
2. **Scholarship** - As an Honor Society, we have high expectations for academic performance. NJHS members must maintain a 3.65 GPA overall and in core subjects.
3. **Leadership** - Members of NJHS act as student leaders, providing a positive role model to other HMS students.
4. **Service** – A Service Hour Log documenting time spent volunteering must be maintained by all NJHS members and submitted by the end of the year to receive your graduation cords.
  - a. Chapter Service Projects – All members participate and promote the NJHS Group Service Projects.
  - b. Individual Service – All members must complete 40 hours of service after induction in order to receive cords to wear during the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony. Service is primarily school-based, with no more than 10 hours of service outside the Hackensack Public Schools.
5. **Citizenship** - All members comply with school rules. Office referrals, detentions, or suspension for behavior issues are not acceptable for members of NJHS.

#### **Further Obligations:**

1. **Fees** – HMS' NJHS members pay annual chapter dues (\$5) and may choose to purchase a club t-shirt (\$20). The dues help to pay the National dues. The t-shirt identifies and promotes our club.
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 Advisor.

**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 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, a HMS Faculty Council will hold a hearing to consider the student's dismissal from the Chapter.

**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 Oratam Chapter. Members are urged to meet with the NJHS Advisor if they feel their situation may warrant resignation from NJHS; Advisor will work with probationary members to find ways to remain members in good standing.

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

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Student Application

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Please complete this form accurately. Completion of this form does not guarantee membership.

#### Section 1

#### Citizenship - School Activities at Hackensack Middle School

List all activities in which you have participated in school which promote citizenship. Include shows, clubs, musical groups, and any significant accomplishments in each.

Grades	Activity	Accomplishments

#### Section 2

#### Citizenship – Community-Based Activities

List all activities in which you have participated in school which promote citizenship. Include scouts, clubs, religious activities, sports and any significant accomplishments in each.

Grade	Activity	Accomplishments

#### Section 3

#### Leadership

List all elected or appointed positions of responsibility held in school, community or work activities. Only those positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others should be included (e.g., Student Council homeroom representative, Student Council officer, team captain, etc).

Grade	Activity	Leadership Position

**Section 4**

**Service**

List past service activities in which you have participated. These can be individual or group service projects done either in or out of school. Service activities are those that are done without monetary compensation (aka: volunteering).

Grade	Activity	Organization	Hours of Service

**Section 5**

**Essay**

Attach a typed essay on why you wish to be a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Your essay should fill one page, typed in font size 12 with one-inch margins. Your name must be in the upper left corner of the page.

**Section 6**

**Teacher Recommendation**

Each of your teachers from this school year will receive a recommendation form via email. They will evaluate you, on a scale of 1 (below average) to 4 (exceptional), on the following areas: leadership abilities, character, and attitude towards service.

**Section 7**

**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 to the best of my ability.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read the information provided by my child on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Staple your typed essay and this page together, and submit to Ms. Tiboldo in Room 241A no later than Monday, June 1 at 3pm.**