

# National Junior Honor Society

Attea Chapter

Consideration of induction to National Junior Honor Society is based on:

- 3.85 cumulative GPA or higher for trimesters 1 and 2
- Membership in THREE activities such as sports, service activities, or clubs this school year
  - See Activities List for options. If your activity is not on the list, see your NJHS coordinator.
  - Your activities should fall under at least two different categories (see activities list).
  - The “Extracurricular Participation Form” in this packet is where you will have the sponsor sign to verify you were a regular participant.
- FOUR hours of service
  - There is a space on the “Extracurricular Participation Form” for verification of service hours.
- Teacher endorsement of character
  - You will be notified if you need to work on this requirement
- Qualifying essay
  - Turn in your essay in the spring of 2018. Essay requirements are defined in this packet.

**APPLICATION IS ONLY FOR STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE AN INVITATION LETTER.**

**INVITATION LETTERS WILL BE SENT OUT IN THE SPRING OF 2018.**

*This year, the NJHS Induction Ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, May 15, 2018.***

Questions? Contact your sponsors at: [cbansberg@glenview34.org](mailto:cbansberg@glenview34.org) or [kchow@glenview34.org](mailto:kchow@glenview34.org)

# EXAMPLES OF NJHS QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES

*To show well-rounded involvement in activities, you must participate in activities from at least TWO different categories.*

## SPORTS:

- Basketball
- Spirit Squad
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Intramurals
- Cross Country
- Track
- Gymnastics
- Glenview Traveling Sports
- ***See your NJHS coordinator if you play a sport not listed above***

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

- Teacher Aide
- Builders' Club
- Beach Sweep
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- Church/Synagogue Choir
- Church/Synagogue Service
- Coaching
- Participation in Charitable Bike-a-thons, Walk-a-thons, Races
- Transition Helpers for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Ambassadors)
- Open House Helpers
- YAAK – Young Adult Advisory for the Glenview Public Library
- Soup Kitchen Service
- James Jordan Foundation
- Youth Services of Glenview
- ***Babysitting does not count!***
- ***See your NJHS coordinator if you think you have done a service activity not listed above***

## CLUBS: (you must attend *regularly*)

- National French Contest/National Spanish Exam
- Reading Club
- Knitting Club
- Chess Club (permanent members only)
- Yearbook Club
- Art Club
- Drama Club
- Student Council
- Confirmation Classes
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah Preparation
- Global Language Club
- ***See your NJHS coordinator if you think there is a club you are in that is not listed above***

## OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES:

- Band
- Jazz Band
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Regional Science Fair
- Spring Play
- Music Recitals/Performances outside of school
- ***Music lessons do not count!***
- ***See your NJHS coordinator if you think there is an activity you were in that is not on this list***

Use the form on the following page to indicate your participation in the activities. You will need to get a sponsor to sign verifying your participation.

If a sponsor's signature absolutely cannot be obtained, a parent can sign instead.

# \* NJHS Extracurricular Participation Form \*

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

## Extracurricular 1:

I verify that the student named above has fully participated in the following sport/club/activity:

Name of sport/club/activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Coach/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's or Sponsor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Extracurricular 2:

I verify that the student named above has fully participated in the following sport/club/activity:

Name of sport/club/activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Coach/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's or Sponsor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Extracurricular 3:

I verify that the student named above has fully participated in the following sport/club/activity:

Name of sport/club/activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Coach/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's or Sponsor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICE HOURS REQUIREMENT (4 HOURS):**

*If you were part of multiple activities that add up to four hours, write the activities side-by-side in the space below.*

I verify that the student named above has fully participated in the following service activity for **at least 4 hours**:

Name/Description of Activity	Number of hours	Name of Coach/Sponsor	Coach's or Sponsor's Signature

Total number of service hours \_\_\_\_\_

# ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must prepare an essay as part of their application to National Junior Honor Society. Excerpts from select essays may be included in a booklet at the ceremony.

## Written Response Prompt:

Think about a time during this school year when you have shown one or more of the following qualities of leadership, service, character, and citizenship (see below). Write a narrative paper about one or more occasions when you put forth considerable effort in one of those areas and showed that you have that quality. Describe what happened and what it meant to you.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum of 1 page, maximum of 2 pages
- Typed and double-spaced
- 12 point easy-to-read font such as Times New Roman or Helvetica
- ***Don't forget to include your name and your team!***

## Qualities of a National Honor Society Member:

### ***Leadership***

The student who exercises leadership:

- promotes school activities
- influences peers to uphold school ideals and rules
- maintains a positive attitude
- inspires positive behavior in others
- demonstrates leadership in activities
- is thoroughly reliable and dependable

### ***Service***

The student who serves:

- participates in some outside activity: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts; church groups; volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged; family duties
- does committee and staff work without complaints
- shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students

### ***Character***

The student of character:

- takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- consistently demonstrates desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, and stability)
- upholds principles of morality and ethics
- cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, offices, halls, etc.
- demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- observes instructions and rules both inside and outside of the classroom
- is honest when following rules, avoids cheating in written work, and does not profit from the mistakes of others

### ***Citizenship***

The student who demonstrates citizenship:

- understands the importance of school involvement
- demonstrates mature participation and responsibility in all activities