

NJHS Scroll and Scribe Chapter

Who are We?

National Junior Honor Society is a service based club at Weisenborn Junior High School. This organization is built upon scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character, and service.

Requirements

In order to qualify, you must first demonstrate SCHOLARSHIP by attaining a 3.50 or higher cumulative GPA in your first semester at Weisenborn Junior High. Academic success is **not** the only requirement needed to be selected for membership into the organization. To be eligible for membership in National Junior Honor Society, you must also meet the specified criteria for: scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character, and service, and you will be required to submit an essay documenting how you embody the qualities of NJHS.

Essay will include:

- a. Leadership – explain how you have shown leadership in the past, through other clubs, sports or activities, and how you would make yourself a leader here at Weisenborn. In addition you will need a paragraph that explains how you would motivate other students to participate in the organization’s activities.
- b. Character – define what having good character means to you and provide examples of how you have shown good character in the past
- c. Citizenship – define what you believe citizenship entails, what responsibility you have as a young citizen and give an example
- d. Service – define what you believe this quality means, why it is important and give examples of your past service
- e. National Junior Honor Society does many community service projects, fundraisers, and activities that promote positive school spirit at WJHS. However, as with many organizations, it seems that the same members are the ones that do all of the work and it is extremely hard to get some members to commit to any activities. As a member/officer of NJHS, write a paragraph that explains how you would motivate members to participate.

Process

- A. In January, following first semester grade completion, the counselor will provide the list of eligible students based upon their GPA.
- B. All academically eligible students will receive a letter inviting them to apply. These letters are typically distributed in February
- C. If a student is interested in applying, they are responsible for obtaining an application packet from the advisors. **(Responsibility falls under the tenets of character and leadership, and therefore only the student may pick up their application packet.)**
- D. The fully completed application must be returned to Ms. Burgess or Mrs. Smith by the date established in their letter and application packet.. It will **NOT be accepted late or without the necessary attachments** and you will forfeit your opportunity to be inducted into NJHS.
- E. The completed application packet is then reviewed by the Weisenborn Junior High Faculty Council. This council consists of staff members selected by the principal and does **NOT** include the organization's advisors (Mrs. Smith/Miss Burgess) **Please note: the advisors have NO role or say in the selection process.**
- F. Students will receive an acceptance letter or rejection letter via US Mail. The decision of the faculty council is FINAL.
- G. Students invited to join NJHS must a) sign a letter of acceptance with the advisors, b) attend a mandatory after school meeting c) attend a mandatory induction practice and d) attend the induction ceremony.
- H. Meetings and Induction occur in the month of April. Only immediate family members are invited to the induction ceremony.

Side Note

Your essay needs to be in correct MLA format, double spaced, 1 side of the page, 1-inch margins on all sides, white paper, black ink, Times New Roman 12 point font, and include a cover page with your name, ELA teacher and date (your name should not be included anywhere in your written essay – on the cover page only). Do NOT put your application and/or essay in a folder, page protectors or binder – place your essay behind your completed application and staple everything together in the upper left-hand corner.

