

October 28, 2021



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

Mapleton Middle School is beginning its very first chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. This recognition is for students with outstanding scholarship, leadership, character, citizenship, and service. You have been given this application due to meeting the academic requirements during the Fall 2021 enrollment period. Meeting the academic requirements is one of the many criteria for acceptance into the National Junior Honor Society. Evidence that you meet the qualifications of leadership, character, citizenship, and service requirements are necessary to be eligible for membership. However, applying does not guarantee your acceptance into the National Junior Honor Society. Take some time to review the application process and begin completing the forms if you feel you would like to continue your commitment to scholarship, leadership, character, citizenship, and service.

All forms must be completed and submitted to NJHS Advisor, Mrs. Swanson, **by 3:05 p.m. on November 30th, 2021.** If you have any questions feel free to contact me. I look forward to you being a part of school history and being inducted into Mapleton Middle School's first National Junior Honor Society.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cassie Swanson

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NJHS

**National Junior Honor Society Application**  
**Fall 2021**  
**Mapleton Chapter of National Junior Honor Society**

Election into the National Junior Honor Society represents the highest honor and trust that can be bestowed upon a student in Mapleton Middle School. It is the recognition of students with outstanding **scholarship, leadership, character, citizenship, and service**. Membership in the society is evidence that the student has achieved and is demonstrating and promoting all of these qualities and is showing an effort to improve conditions in the school and community. Meeting the academic requirements is one of the many criteria for acceptance into the National Junior Honor Society. Evidence that you meet the qualifications of leadership, character, citizenship, and service requirements are necessary to be eligible for membership.

**Membership**

Selection for membership is by a faculty review of applicants and is based on outstanding scholarship, citizenship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities. Members who resign or are dismissed are no longer eligible for membership or its benefits and they may not reapply for membership. Once selected members will be expected to attend meetings and participate in NJHS service projects, activities, and fundraisers.

**Selection of Members:**

1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a second semester sixth grader, OR a seventh or eighth grader at Mapleton Middle School.
2. The selection of members to the chapter shall be by majority vote of the faculty council.
3. All faculty members will review applicants' names. Students who do not promote service, leadership, citizenship, and character in the classroom will not be considered for membership.

**Scholarship Requirements:**

All applicants must have a 3 as their overall score for each class on the report card from the first quarter.

**Service Requirements:**

All applicants are required to have documented and verified community service hours.

**Leadership and Character Requirements:**

Students will be asked to detail their leadership experiences while attending Mapleton Middle School or any other middle school they have attended.

**Essay:**

All applicants will be required to submit one essay, choosing to discuss either leadership or character.

**Letter of Recommendation:**

Students are required to include a letter of recommendation from an adult who can speak to the pillars of character, leadership, citizenship, and service. Directions are in the packet.

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**Application Deadline**

**All applications must be turned in no later than 3:05 pm on *Tuesday, November 30th, 2021* to Mrs. Swanson (Room ).**

Applications will not be accepted unless the following are turned in completed at the same time:

- ALL forms completely filled out**
- Essay**
- Letter of Recommendation (given to \_\_\_\_\_)**

MAPLETON CHAPTER  
OF THE NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY  
**Student Activity Information Form**

Directions: Please complete all sections. (Please type or print.) Do not be modest. Every bit of information can be used by the Faculty Council to assist with the selection process. Please remember that completion of this form **does not** guarantee selection. You may also complete and print these National Junior Honor Society forms on the Mapleton Middle School's website:

**I. Administrative Information**

Student Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and mailing address of parent(s)/guardian(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Names)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, state, zip code)

Parent(s)/guardian(s) Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Leadership Position(s)**

List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school or community activities. Only those positions in which you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. For example: student council member, club officer; committee chairperson; team captain; or community leader. It is ok if you don't have any at this time.

Leadership Position	Year (6th, 7th, 8th)	Activity or Organization

### III. Community Service Activities

List service activities in which you have participated. These can be service projects done with a group either in or out of school, or done as individual projects performing service. Generally speaking, service activities are those which are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given. These activities could be done with a sports team, church, 4-H group etc. Please list the name of an adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each activity.

Activity	Year (6th, 7th, 8th)	Number of Hours	Major Accomplishment	Adult Supervisor

#### IV. Extracurricular Activities

List all activities in which you have participated in during middle school. Include clubs, teams, groups, etc. You may include things from previous schools as long as it can be verified. Also list other community activities in which you have participated For example: church groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, 4-H groups, etc.

Extracurricular	Year (6th, 7th, 8th)	Years involved	Major Accomplishment	Adult Supervisor

I certify that the information presented here is accurate and understand that completing this form **does not guarantee** selection to NJHS. I am also aware that I will be expected to attend meetings and participate in NJHS service projects, activities, and fundraisers.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(student applicant signature)

## V. Essay

### Format

- Typed in 14-16 font
- 1 inch margin all the way around
- Single spaced lines but DOUBLE space in between paragraphs blocked, no indents
- Five paragraphs, 4-6 sentences per paragraph.
- Support your ideas with examples whenever possible.
- Heading should include a good title and your name.

### Paragraphs:

Open your entire essay with a quote-something that represents you or encompasses who you are. Example: "There is no place like home." – Wizard of Oz. The rest of the opening paragraph should also introduce who you are with one or two sentences describing WHY you want to be part of the NJHS.

A paragraph on what leadership is and how you exemplify it and why it is important. Use examples when possible.

A paragraph on what service is and how you exemplify it and why it is important. Use examples when possible.

A paragraph on what character is and how you exemplify it and why it is important. Use examples when possible.

Conclusion. Do not repeat your opening paragraph. This should be short and simple and memorable.

**Essay due with your information packet, No later than: Tuesday, Nov. 30th, 2021. Do not share it on google. You need to print it and submit it with your application.**

## VI. Teacher Recommendation Form

\*\*\*Detach this form and give it to a teacher for recommendation. They will return it to Mrs. Swanson, not the applicant.

### National Junior Honor Society

*Mapleton Middle School*

***The purpose of the National Junior Honor Society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the student.***

Membership in the Mapleton Middle School National Junior Honor Society is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a faculty council and is based on ***outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship, and service.*** Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

#### ***Eligibility:***

- ❖ To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a second semester sixth grader, OR a seventh or eighth grader at Mapleton Middle School.
- ❖ All applicants must have all "3"s on their report card from the first quarter.
- ❖ The student must demonstrate outstanding service, leadership, citizenship, and character.

#### **Instructions for the Recommender:**

Please help us evaluate the student in the areas of character, leadership, or service. **After completing this form, return it to Mrs. Swanson by no later than Tuesday, November 30th, 2021 at 3:05pm.**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In what context have you known the applicant?

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How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

