



The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Established in 1929

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is one of the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding middle school students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship. NJHS chapters are found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. Territories, and Canada. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

-From NJHS National Website

Selection Procedures National Junior Honor Society Excellence Christian School

The National Junior Honor Society of Excellence Christian School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in the five areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of NJHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter needs. Students are selected to be members by a 5-member Faculty Council, appointed by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each December. (Will be held in May for our inaugural year, 2018)

Students in seventh or eighth grade are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or better on a 4.0 scale from the beginning of 6th grade. Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete an Application that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership, character, citizenship, and service. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school and community service is also required.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, citizenship, and leadership. These forms and the Application are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine membership. A majority vote of the Council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection according to a predetermined schedule.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all five criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings held monthly during the school year, and participation in both individual and chapter service projects.

Student or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser, Rev. Katrina Wallace kwallace@goecseagles.org



**Excellence Christian School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society
Established Spring 2017**

Faculty Council

Rev. Katrina Wallace–**Adviser**

Mrs. Shaina Parker

Mrs. Bernadette Concepcion

Mrs. Gretel Coverdale



**Membership Obligations
National Junior Honor Society
Excellence Christian School**

Being a member of the NJHS is a high honor and along with it comes responsibility. You have to demonstrate outstanding scholarship, service, citizenship, leadership, and character. Now that you have been inducted into the NJHS, you will be required to:

- Maintain a minimum 3.7 grade point average each quarter
- Participate in NJHS-school-based service project
- Complete minimum of 10 hours of individual service to the community
- Maintain high standards of conduct (No Office referrals)
- Demonstrate leadership and role model qualities at all times
- Attend all NJHS monthly meetings
- Participate in school-based activities
- Pay \$20 annual dues by your first meeting of the year.

If a member fails to comply with one or more of the above obligations of membership, he or she may be considered for dismissal from the Honor Society.

Service Opportunities at ECS

SGA

Tutoring

Club leaders

Sports clinics assistant

Cheer assistant

Dance assistant

Program support (usher, stage crew)



Discipline/Dismissal

Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, citizenship, or service may be disciplined or dismissed from the ECS Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. A member of the National Junior Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community.

Possible Reasons for discipline and dismissal include but are not limited to:

- GPA falling below scholarship standards
- Violating the law
- Violating school rules such as: use of cell phones during school hours, profanity, dress code violations, academic dishonesty, unexcused absences, excessive tardiness, or disrespectful behavior
- Failing to meet member obligations such as meeting attendance, participation in service projects, participation in fundraisers, and participation in school based events, etc.

Discipline Procedures

1. NJHS Adviser/Faculty Council is informed about deficiency. (Office referral, grade report, service record, meeting attendance, etc.)

• In the case of a flagrant violation of school rules or the law, a warning is not required for dismissal, but a hearing will still be held.

2. Faculty Council meets to discuss and determine disciplinary action. A probationary period may be given with what the student needs to do to correct the deficiency. A conference with student and Faculty Council may occur at this time.
3. A Certified letter placing student on probation is mailed home. Verification should be returned with student and parent signature.
4. Student has the probationary period to correct the deficiency as outlined by the Faculty Council.
5. The Faculty Council meets with student at the end of probation period to determine the next step.
6. In case of dismissal, student will have the right to a hearing before the Faculty Council.
7. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the Faculty Council to principal. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser. When a student is dismissed or resigns, he/she is no longer a member and may never again be considered for membership in the National Junior Honor Society.



NJHS Individual Service Guidelines

Each member has the responsibility to choose an individual service project (ISP) in line with his or her particular talents and interests. Choose projects that will help you gain experience and confidence in the five areas NJHS focuses on: scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Your project should involve a minimum of 10 hours. Keep track of your service hours on the Individual Hours Record sheet and bring your Confirmation sheet to your chapter meetings.

Information From The NJHS Handbook:

When choosing the projects, it is best to steer away from activities that directly benefit a member's family.

- Service projects done for financial or other compensation are often viewed as contrary to the common definition of "service."
- Verification of service by asking for an adult's signature from a supervisor is a way to guarantee that all chapter members are fulfilling their responsibilities in a fair and appropriate manner.
- Seek approval from the Chapter Adviser or Faculty Council approval for the Individual Service Project prior to completing the project.

Project Ideas

- Volunteering at the local food bank.
- Volunteering at the Senior Center
- Volunteering at church functions
- Reading books on tape or cd for non-profit organizations (hospitals, recovery centers, etc.).
- Joining an organized event to help the environment (tree planting, bay restoration, etc).
- Volunteering at any of the various fund-raisers by non-profit groups in the community.
- Volunteering at pet shelters or animal hospitals.
- Creating care packages for the needy.
- Collecting crayons/stuffed animals, etc. for children's hospitals or other agencies.

Some other ideas from the NJHS Handbook

School Service

- Organize a health fair
- Run a school clean-up campaign
- Usher at school or public events
- Hold a teacher and staff recognition day
- Plan new student orientation

- Set up a peer-tutoring program
- Operate a book exchange

Community Service

- Organize individual or group tutoring programs
- Make tape recordings for the blind

- Establish a hospital aid program
- Collect holiday toys and supplies for hospitalized or under privileged children
- Undertake a food drive for a local food bank or shelter

Individual Service Information

Here is some information and forms you will need to record your individual service hours. A minimum of 10 individual service hours is required by each student in the NJHS. 5 hours are due between June and December. Another 5 hours are due between January and May. Forms should be completed, signed and turned in to Ms. Banks at the monthly meetings.

Individual Service Guidelines

Use this form to keep a record of your service hours.

Be sure to get a signature and phone number of the supervising adult. Your parent **MAY NOT** sign off on the form.

National Junior Honor Society INDIVIDUAL SERVICE HOURS CONFIRMATION



Member's Name: _____

This is the group/individual that received my service:

This is what I did:

I worked this many hours: _____ **on**
(date): _____

Verified by (signature/ phone number of adult in charge):

Reminder: On your honor, you are pledging that you gave your service for no compensation (money, grade, barter). Complete a separate sheet for each activity date. You need to complete a total of ten hours by the end of May, five hours are due by December, five hours are due by May.



**Excellence Christian School
National Junior Honor Society Application (Grades 7 & 8)**

- Please complete *neatly* using pen or type. Your application WILL NOT be accepted if completed in pencil.
- Use a separate piece of paper if more space is required.
- Include information from the beginning of 6th Grade only
- Completion of this application does not guarantee acceptance into the NJHS.
- Application and Essay are due by December 1, 2017 to Rev. Wallace.
- ***NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!***
- Be sure to get your application signed by your parent!

Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Leadership Positions- (Leadership and Character): List all leadership positions you have held since the beginning of 6th grade. (Ex. elected officer to SGA or club, team captain, etc.)

Leadership Position	Activity or Organization	Grade 6 7 8	Supervising Adult Phone Number or email

Extra-Curricular Activities (Leadership and Character): List all school sponsored activities you have participated in since the beginning of 6th grade. (Ex. school clubs/ activities and PFY Activities)

Activity (List each PFY activity separately)	# of hours per Month	Grade 6 7 8	Supervising Adult

Other Activities (Character and Citizenship) List other activities which you have participated outside of school since the beginning of 6th grade. (Ex. scouts, Rec/Travel sports teams, Alter server, church groups, etc.)

Activity	Accomplishments	Number of Years Involved

Service Activities (Service and Citizenship) List community service activities which you have participated since the beginning of 6th grade. These should be activities outside of school in which you helped better our community and were not paid to do (ex. church service activities, scouting service activities, etc.) The supervising adult cannot be your parent. **Applications will not be accepted WITHOUT a name AND phone number or email of supervising adult.**

Activity	Hours of Service	Grade 6 7 8	Supervising Adult/ Phone Number or email

Recognitions and Awards (Character and Citizenship) List any awards or special recognitions you have received since the beginning of 6th grade.

Recognition/Award	Grade Level 6 7 8

Essay- Choose one of the writing prompts below and complete an essay of between 250 and 500 words. Please type the essay in 12 pt., Times New Roman font and double space. Staple the essay to application.

Option #1

If you had the chance to make a new rule in school what would it be? Why would you create the rule? How does the rule reflect the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, character and/or citizenship?

Option #2

“Why fit in when you were born to stand out.” *Dr. Seuss*

What steps have you taken to make yourself stand out? Why do you want to be a person that stands out? How have your choices shown the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship? What has been the impact of these choices on others?

I have read and understood the responsibilities expected of an NJHS member. I also understand that completion of this application does not guarantee selection into the NJHS and I verify that the information included here is complete and accurate.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

