

RSA National Junior Honor Society

Frequently Asked Questions :

1) What is the National Junior Honor Society?

The **National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)** is the nation's premier organization 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.

2) How does my child apply for membership into RSA's Chapter of the NJHS?

A student is invited to apply for NJHS membership once it is determined that he/she has met the minimum cumulative GPA of 90% or better at the conclusion of Semester One.

3) When will my child know if he/she may apply for NJHS?

On Friday, January 20th, 2017, all eligible students were notified of their NJHS eligibility through a congratulatory letter and application packet, which included the following documents:

- NJHS Student Activity Form
- NJHS Application Essay Prompt and guidelines
- 3 Teacher/ Community Leader recommendation forms (which need to be placed into envelopes with student's name and ID # labeled clearly on the front.
- Finally, very clear directions for how to proceed with the application process are included, along with due dates and submission locations.

4) When is the deadline for submitting the completed NJHS packet?

The submission window is from February 6th through February 13th, 2017. Students have been told to submit to Mrs. Wiley in the mornings in the RSA Library OR at lunchtime on the RSA stage in the cafeteria where Mr. Wiley will be ready to receive your documents.

5) What can I do if my child loses his/ her NJHS packet or any of the components?

Please refer to the RSA website. Click on the RSA NJHS logo, and a drop-down menu will appear. You will be able to click on a hyperlink labeled, "NJHS Application documents," and this is where you or your child may print out any lost paperwork.

6) What happens if my child is absent on Monday, February 13th, the final day for NJHS Application submissions?

Because we offer an extended submission window, there will be absolutely NO EXTENSIONS to the deadline. ***All documents MUST be submitted by February 13th, BY 4:15 p.m.—NO EXCEPTIONS will be made.***

7) How does my child “make it” into the NJHS?

After your child submits all documents, a point tally will be taken on the following documents:

- Up to 12 points may be earned on the “Student Activity Form”;
- Up to 9 points may be earned through the 3 completed teacher/community leader recommendation forms;
- Up to 8 points may be earned on the NJHS ESSAY.
- Students earning the highest point tallies will be placed into a possible “acceptance” grouping.
- The RSA NJHS Faculty Council will then convene to vote upon all eligible students (highest point earners)—a majority vote is required for a student to be placed on the Final NJHS Membership list.

8) When will my child be notified of the NJHS Faculty Council’s final selections for NJHS membership?

All students will be notified of *whether or not they were accepted* into NJHS via a letter that will be sent home on Monday, February 23rd, 2017. Please keep your eyes peeled for further information.

9) When is the RSA NJHS Induction Ceremony?

If your child gets accepted into NJHS, first of all, CONGRATULATIONS! ☺

Secondly, please lock in Thursday, March 9th, 2017, as the evening to celebrate your child’s NJHS membership here at RSA in the Cafetorium. Time to be announced.

10)What is the dress code for the NJHS Induction Ceremony?

Please dress in “Sunday best,” which means that students should dress as they would for a very special awards assembly.

11)Are there are any required fees for NJHS membership?

Yes, NJHS Advisers expect that each student member contribute \$20 as “annual dues.”

These dues help support various service projects and our annual induction ceremony. If the annual fees cause a family financial hardship, the NJHS member may notify Mr. or Mrs.

Wiley in order to request an exemption. ***No student will be denied membership due to his/ her inability to pay the \$20 annual dues.***