# HERITAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## *National Junior Honor Society*

## 2024-2025 MINIMUM CRITERIA:

- o **3.75 GPA (accumulative for 7th & 8th grade)**
- o **At least 1 co-curricular activity (in school): 7th or 8th grade**
- o **At least 2 work experiences, recognitions, or awards: 7th and/or 8th grade**
- o **At least 10 community service hours (in or out of school): 7th and/or 8th grade**

**Students meeting the above criteria may be <u>excluded</u> for the following reasons:**
- ▪ Questionable character
- ▪ Disciplinary reasons (In/Out of school Suspensions, Wednesday/Saturday schools, detentions)
- ▪ Attendance issues (excessive/unexcused absences)
- ▪ Failure to complete/correctly complete all portions of application
- ▪ Any other reason deemed unacceptable within the exemplary code of the National Junior Honor Society

**NJHS is offered only to 8th graders at Heritage. 7th graders should begin accumulating the above qualifications to apply in their 8th grade year. Completion does not guarantee admission!**

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## National Junior Honor Society Student Application

**Directions:** All sections of this application must be completed. Do not be modest! Every piece of information can be used by the Faculty Council to assist in the selection process. You **may not** use your involvement in an organization, group, or club more than once on this application. Completion of this form **does not** guarantee selection. This is an elite group & we expect a perfect application. Simply completing the minimum requirements may not grant you acceptance into the NJHS, we are looking for students who go **above and beyond the minimum**. Failure to complete this form correctly will result in your application being invalid and unable to be reviewed for membership.

Be sure to return this form, along with all the required signatures, to the main office by **FRIDAY, JANUARY 3rd at 2:50 pm.** Applications **will not** be accepted after this date and time. NO EXCEPTIONS!

## REQUIRED SIGNATURES:

- If you are able to get a physical signature, please do so. If you are unable to get a signature, please have the appropriate adult email you a letter stating the following:
    - activity/service you were involved in
    - date of completion
    - hours of service
    - signature with their qualifications
        - on the signature line, write "see attached letter"
        - print a copy of the email & attach it to your application

## YOUR FULL NAME:

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### 1. Co-Curricular Activities: at least 1 group you are actively involved in at Heritage (7th or 8th grade) (clubs, teams, musical groups, etc....)

**Activity**                                            **Adult Signature** (required; NOT a parent)

1. _____    _____

2. _____    _____

3. _____    _____

### 2. Work Experience, Recognitions & Awards: Must have at least 2. List below any job experiences, honors, or recognitions that you received which support your bid for membership into NJHS. Work experience may be paid or volunteer and can be from your 7th and/or 8th grade year.

**Experience or Award**        **Describe Experience or Award in detail**     **Grade**

1. _____  _____  _____

2._____  _____  _____

3._____  _____  _____

## 3. Individual/Group Community Service Activities: Must have at least 10 hours of service activities performed inside or outside of school in which you individually or with a group provided service for the betterment of your community within your 7th and/or 8th grade year. Service should be performed on behalf of others, not including family members, in which no compensation was given. This service activity must be different from any other activities already listed on your application.

*Example: Safety Town volunteer as individual student, 8th grade (NOT with established group)*

**Activity**                          **Describe activity in detail**

1._____    _____

 **Hours:_____ Adult Signature** (required; NOT a parent) _____

2._____    _____

 **Hours:_____ Adult Signature** (required; NOT a parent) _____

3._____    _____

 **Hours:_____ Adult Signature** (required; NOT a parent) _____

4._____    _____

 **Hours:_____ Adult Signature** (required; NOT a parent) _____

5._____    _____

 **Hours:_____ Adult Signature** (required; NOT a parent) _____

6._____    _____

 **Hours:_____ Adult Signature** (required; NOT a parent) _____

*\*If more lines are needed, please print this page twice.*

**_____ TOTAL HOURS (must equal at least 10 hours)**

## 4. Discipline:

Have you received any disciplinary actions (7th/8th), including In/Out of School Suspensions, Wednesday/Saturday Schools, detentions, suspension? (circle one)

**Yes**                                        **No**

**If yes, please explain in detail**:_____

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*Please know that any disciplinary action 7th or 8th grade year will most likely disqualify your application, depending on severity.

## 5. Character:

Your character plays a vital role in entry into NJHS. Please fill in the names of **2 HMS teachers** and have them sign this form who you feel could speak on behalf of your character.

|  | **Teacher** | **Grade** | **Course** | **Signature** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

## 6. Extended Response:

Please complete the following extended response using **MLA format.** This must be at least 2 pages typed (double spaced, 12 point font, times new roman) & attached to the application at time of submission. Be sure to use your **best** writing skills—this will be taken into consideration along with the rest of your application. Please be sure to proof read & edit before submission.

**Note: Failure to correctly format or follow directions for extended response will result in your application being invalid & may remove your application from review for membership.**

**PROMPT:** From all of the activities listed above, what have you gained as a person? What have you learned about yourself and others? What have you learned about the importance of service in your community & school? Be specific, referencing at least 2 specific examples of activities and/or service in your explanation.

## 7. Signatures:

**Student:**I have **personally completed** all portions of this application and I understand that completing this form **does not** guarantee selection into NJHS, and that the information presented here is complete and accurate.

_____          _____
                    **Student Signature**                                    **Date**

**Parent/Guardian:**I have read the information provided by my child on this form and can verify that it is true, and complete in its presentation.

_____          _____
                **Parent/Guardian Signature**                           **Date**

**Questions:** If you have questions about this application please schedule a time to meet with Ms. Jasper & Mrs. Geoit (not during class) and bring your application. Answering questions via email is difficult since this application is quite intricate.