**National Junior Honor Society Application Packet**

**2020-21**



Congratulations! Because of your exemplary academic achievement at Colony Middle School, you qualify to apply to become a member of the National Junior Honor Society at Colony Middle School. Membership in NJHS is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a student. Our chapter strives to give practical meaning to the Society’s standards of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.

These five ideals will be considered as the basis for your selection as well as a fundamental part of our chapter activities. No student is inducted simply because of high academic average. The National Junior Honor Society strives to recognize the total student – one who excels in all of these areas.

If you are chosen to be inducted into the Colony Middle School Chapter of the NJHS, you will be expected to:

* 7th or 8th grader enrolled at Colony Middle School
* Maintain a GPA of at least 3.5
* Participate in all mandatory NJHS meetings (Once weekly)
* Dress up on meeting days
* Complete 10 hours of individual community service per quarter
* Pay an annual due of $10.00
* Participate in the NJHS Chapter community service project
* Demonstrate leadership, good citizenship, and character at Colony Middle School and in the community.

If you have any questions about the obligations of being an NJHS member or about the application process, please see the NJHS advisor, Mr. Anderton.

Sincerely,

Kleigh Anderton

NJHS Advisor

**Support of Candidacy Portfolio Checklist**

Directions:

* Please PRINT neatly all information below.
* Complete this form and include it at the beginning of your portfolio.

**Completion and submission of this portfolio does not guarantee selection. Should you have questions about the application process or the portfolio, please contact Mr. Anderton.**

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The following evidence should be included in your portfolio:

□ **Letter** from you to the NJHS Faculty Advisory Council stating why

you believe you would make an outstanding member of NJHS.

□ **List of Extra Curricular Activities** you have been involved with

during the past two years.

□ **List of Recognition and Awards** you have received in the past two years. You may also include copies of these awards, certificates, etc in your binder.

□ **List of Community Service Activities** you have participated in during the past two years.

□ **Essay** describing what Scholarship, Citizenship, Character, Service, and Leadership (The five pillars of NJHS) mean to you AND how you demonstrate them in your life.

□ **Three (3) Recommendation Forms** (Completed by adult leaders: scouts, sports, religious leaders, teachers, etc.)

□ One (1) form must be completed by a **community**

**member**. (Submit form in sealed envelope with signature of adult completing the form across the seal.)

□ One (1) form must be completed by a **Colony MS Teacher**. (Teachers will submit the forms directly to the NJHS advisor.)

□ One (1) form completed by *either* teacher or community member.

Please list below the three (3) people from whom you have requested recommendation forms.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Community Member)
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Colony Middle School Teacher)
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (either community member or teacher)

**Signatures**

*I understand that completing and submitting this portfolio with all of the above information does not guarantee selection to the Colony Middle School National Junior Honor Society. I attest that information presented here is complete and accurate. If selected, I agree to abide by the standards and guidelines of the chapter and to fulfill all of my membership obligations to the best of my ability.*

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Student Signature Date

*I have read the information provided by my son/daughter on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete.*

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Parent Signature Date

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Parent phone number(s)/contact information

**Colony Middle School National Junior Honor Society Recommendation**

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| **Character –** This student behaves responsibly and respectfully in interactions with peers and adults, and he/she shows integrity in his/her daily behavior. |  |  |  |  |  |
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