



Springfield School District

National Junior Honor Society

E.T. Richardson Middle School
20 West Woodland Avenue
Springfield, PA 19064



Dear NJHS Candidate and Family:

Membership in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a middle school student. Our chapter's goal is to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and the community. Our chapter strives to give practical meaning to the Society's standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. These five ideals are considered as the basis for selection. No student is inducted simply because of a high academic average. The National Junior Honor Society strives to recognize the whole student—one who excels in all of these areas.

In order to apply, students must meet the following requirements:

- **Scholarship**: 85% cumulative average or higher (previous academic year)
- **Leadership, service, character, and citizenship**: as demonstrated by activities, behavior and two teacher evaluations (see attached).
- **Essay**: Brief essay on selected topic (see attached)

Membership, however, is more than an honor. It is an ongoing responsibility and an obligation to continue to demonstrate those outstanding qualities that result in a student's selection. Membership also carries a responsibility to the chapter. If our NJHS chapter is to be effective and meaningful, each member must become and stay involved.

Below is the list of chapter obligations each member is expected to uphold in order to obtain and maintain membership.

- **Attend Meetings**: After school, once per month
- **Dues**: \$20.00 due at first meeting after acceptance (one time fee)
- **Discipline**: No administrative discipline consequences
- **Service hours**: Minimum of 10 logged individual service hours and an additional group service project

We look forward to considering your application. If any questions should arise, we encourage the student to contact the adviser directly at christyanne.schwartz@ssdcougars.org.

All applications are due by **October 6, 2025**

Sincerely,

Mr. Walter Hartshorn
ETR Principal

Mrs. Christyanne Schwartz
NJHS Adviser
Room 7

National Junior Honor Society Candidate Information Packet



Directions: If you have reached this point, it means you have established that you are academically eligible to apply for the National Junior Honor Society at E.T. Richardson Middle School. This means you have verified that you have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 85% in the last academic school year.

Click on [this link](#) for the National Junior Honor Society Application. You will find Parts 1 and 2 of the application on this form. Before filling out, obtain all applicable information and complete the required essay listed below. Forward any questions to Mrs. Schwartz at christyanne.schwartz@ssdstudent.org

Part 1:

Questions 1-4 request student identifying information

Question 5: Leadership Positions: List all elected or appointed leadership positions you have held in school, community, or work activities. Only those positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. Examples: elected officer for the student body, class, or club; committee chairperson; team captain; newspaper editor; work area manager; or other community leader. Please include the name of the adult responsible for supervising your leadership in each position.

Question 6: Service Activities: List service activities in which you have participated. These can be individual or group service projects done either in or out of school. Generally speaking, service activities are those that are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given. Include adult supervisor contact information and also list the estimated number of hours you invested while performing this service.

Question 7: Student Activities: List all school-based activities (*not* noted above) in which you have participated in school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and any significant accomplishments in each. In this section, you may also list other community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment in each. These should be any activities outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community. For example, religious groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, community art endeavors, etc. Do not repeat participation already listed above. Please include the name and contact information of the adult supervisor of each activity.

Question 8: Work/Volunteer Hours: Though not a specific criterion for membership, please list below any job experiences, honors, or recognition you have received that support your candidacy for membership in the Honor Society. Work experience may be paid or volunteer. Include adult supervisor contact information.

Part II: National Junior Honor Society Essay

Question 9: Upload your National Junior Honor Society Essay

Please choose and respond to one of the following essay topics. Be sure to follow the requirements below:



Essay should be a minimum of 250 words.

You must write your essay on a google document and upload to question #9 on the application. Include your name (first and last), grade level, and essay topic at top of page of your essay

Essay Topics:

What does being a member of the National Junior Honor Society mean to you?

What is the meaning of leadership at E.T. Richardson Middle School? What have you done to contribute to this?

What is the meaning of service at E.T. Richardson Middle School? What have you done to contribute to this?

What is the value in being a person of good character?

Part III: National Junior Honor Society Faculty Input Form

Each applicant must request two teachers at ET Richardson to complete the National Junior Honor Society Faculty Input Form. This will allow your teachers to provide input as to your character, leadership, service and citizenship. Simply send your teacher an email requesting they complete the form for you. Should the teacher have any questions or have difficulty accessing the form, please have them contact Mrs. Schwartz.