

Piedmont Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: Fall 2016
8th Grade Students

Name: _____

Homebase Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Phone: _____

You must have at least a 3.5 GPA (B average) to be considered for membership. The GPA will be calculated by the NJHS Advisor when application is complete and submitted.

According to membership standards established by the by-laws for the Piedmont Middle School Chapter of the NJHS, applicants must demonstrate evidence of outstanding scholarship, strong character, leadership, service, and citizenship. The following documentation must be submitted.

_____ Two teacher recommendations (one core teacher and one elective teacher)

Names of teachers to whom you provided recommendation forms:

1. _____ 2. _____

_____ One character reference (from a person outside of school, not a relative)

_____ Evidence of leadership

_____ Evidence of service (35 hours complete by deadline)

_____ Personal statement

_____ Reading project (5 books)

By signing here I declare that all information in my application packet is truthful, and, if selected, I will do my best to uphold the standards of NJHS.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

*Your completed application must be submitted no later than **September 30, 2015**. Please assemble in the order listed above, staple together, and submit to Mrs. Grossman in room A 110 (near orchestra room).*

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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

Give this form to two teachers (one core teacher and one elective teacher). The teachers will return the form directly to Mrs. Grossman.

Student applying for membership: _____

Teacher: _____

The above student is applying for membership in NJHS. As a part of this application process, please evaluate this student on the following characteristics.

	Weak	Average	Strong	Outstanding
Responsibility				
Citizenship				
Behavior				
Leadership				
Scholarship				
Initiative				
Truthfulness				
Teamwork				
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Please make any comments regarding this student's special talents or contributions that the faculty selection committee should consider when reviewing this application for membership in NJHS.

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LEADERSHIP

Please list leadership positions you have held in and out of school. Also include activities in which you were actively involved where you demonstrated initiative and leadership, even if you did not hold an elected office.

Please tell us how you try to demonstrate leadership at school and in the classroom on a day-to-day basis.

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCUMENTATION

Applicants are asked to demonstrate a commitment to service by completing 35 hours of community service. Hours completed over the summer of 2014 can be submitted.

This must be complete by the application deadline, September 30. You must have a supervisor's signature. The community service must also be Piedmont approved.

Hours submitted in 8th grade for IB requirement can be used. However, **YOU MUST COMPLETE THE LOG BELOW.**

Date	Total Hours	Service Performed	Signature of Supervisor

TOTAL HOURS (35 hours minimum) _____

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BOOK DOCUMENTATION

Read and document five books from the reading list (or books approved by your parent or a teacher). . The books cannot be a book you read for school, they must be outside reading. There are suggested books on the next page.

Name: _____

First Book Read: Title: _____

Author: _____

Name and signature of person with whom you discussed the book:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Second Book Read: Title: _____

Author: _____

Name and signature of person with whom you discussed the book:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Third Book Read: Title: _____

Author: _____

Name and signature of person with whom you discussed the book:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Fourth Book Read: Title: _____

Author: _____

Name and signature of person with whom you discussed the book:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Fifth Book Read: Title: _____

Author: _____

Name and signature of person with whom you discussed the book:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

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SUGGESTED READING LIST

Some of these books deal with mature subjects. Choose appropriately.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Douglas Adams
Watership Down, Richard Adams
Little Women, Louisa May Alcott
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou
The Fantastic Voyage, Isaac Asimov
Dandelion Wind, Ray Bradbury
Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury
The Illustrated Man, Ray Bradbury
The Marian Chronicles, Ray Bradbury
Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte
The Good Earth, Pearl Buck
LeRoy and the Old Man, Butterworth
Ender's Game, Orson Scott Card
My Antonia, Willa Cather
The House on Mango Street, Sandra Cisneros
The Deerslayer, James Fenimore Cooper
The Red Badge of Courage, Stephen Crane
Sphere, Michael Crichton
The Midwife's Apprentice, Karen Cushman
Robinson Crusoe, Daniel Defoe
Having Our Say, Sarah and Elizabeth Delany
The Count of Monte Cristo, Alexander Dumas
The Three Musketeers, Alexander Dumas
Rebecca, Daphne DuMaurier
Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café, Fannie Flagg
Johnny Tremain, Ester Forbes
The Diary of a Young Girl, Anne Frank
The Snow Goose, Paul Gallico
Waiting for the Rain, Sheila Gordon
A Raisin in the Sun, Lorraine Hansberry
The Old Man and the Sea, Earnest Hemingway
Hiroshima, John Hersey
Out of the Dust, Karen Hesse

Goodbye, Mr. Chips, James Hilton
Lost Horizon, James Hilton
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Washington Irving
A Separate Peace, John Knowles
To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee
The Wizard of Earthsea, Ursula LeGuin
Call of the Wild, Jack London
Gone with the Wind, Margaret Mitchell
Never Cry Wolf, Farley Mowat
Journey to Johannesburg, Naldoc
Animal Farm, George Orwell
Cry, the Beloved Country, Alan Paton
The Westing Game, Ellen Raskin
Northwest Passage, Kenneth Roberts
Ivanhoe, Sir Walter Scott
The Witch of Blackbird Pond, Elizabeth George Spear
The Black Arrow, Robert Louis Stevenson
The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Robert Louis Stevenson
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan
The Hobbit, J. R. R. Tolkien
Lord of the Rings, J. R. R. Tolkien
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, Mark Twain
Innocents Abroad, Mark Twain
Life on the Mississippi, Mark Twain
The Prince and the Pauper, Mark Twain
The Time Machine, H. G. Wells
Our Town, Thornton Wilder
Amos Fortune, Fee Man, Elizabeth Yates

NJHS Application Reading Project Notice

Books that will not be considered as a part of the Reading Project. These books are required reading at Piedmont. (please indicate if you did **NOT** read one of these books in class and would like to include it as a part of your reading project.) Please note that this may not be a complete list; however, if you were assigned a book to read at Piedmont, please do **NOT** include it on your reading project list.

Scorpions

The Pigman

The Giver

Freak the Mighty

Insurgent

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

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Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

Faceless

The House on Mango Street

Bronx Masquerade

Speak

The Skin I'm in

The Outsiders

Midsummer Night's Dream

Bomb

Unbroken

Nazi Hunters

To Kill A Mockingbird

The Book Thief

Pride and Prejudice

In The Time of Butterflies

Out of the Dust

Chasing Lincoln's Killer

Warriors Don't Cry

Cruisers

Peak