National Junior Honor Society Application
2021 - 2022

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the National Junior Honor Society at Bel Air 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 in NJHS, as it is a fundamental part of our chapter activities. No student is simply inducted because of high academic average. The National Junior Honor Society strives to recognize the total student-one who excels in all these areas.

If you are chosen to be inducted into the Bel Air Middle School chapter of the NJHS, you will be expected to:

- **Maintain a GPA of 3.75**
- **Participate in all NJHS meetings (1-2 per month)-on Mondays**
- **Participate in NJHS service activities**
- **Demonstrate leadership, good citizenship, and character at BAMS and in the surrounding community**

You must complete each section of the application. Please print clearly or neatly type. If you prefer a digital copy, you can access this application on our Bel Air Middle School sharp school website or email Mrs. Wollenweber. Brag about yourself, do not be modest!! If you have more items then the space provided, list only the most important. You can share more details in your essay part of the application.

Completed application is due to Mrs. Wollenweber by Friday, January 7, 2022 (application must be submitted to either Mrs. Wollenweber in room 12 or the main office). **The application will be reviewed by a committee of faculty members using a scaled rubric. Be sure to complete all portions of the application. An i*ncomplete application or late application will not be considered for membership.* A decision regarding your membership will be sent home in late February.**

If you have any questions about the obligations of being a NJHS member or about the application process, please see Mrs. Wollenweber in Room 12. If you are unable to print your application from home, please feel free to use the printers available to you at school.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cherri Wollenweber
NJHS Advisor
Bel Air Middle School
Cheryl.wollenweber@hcps.org

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Personal Information-Neatly print or type all information.

Name:

Grade:

Homeroom #:

Homeroom Teacher:

Email:

Phone Number:

Parent's Name:

Parent's Phone number:

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Application #_____ (for Office Use)

1. **Leadership- Neatly list elected or appointed leadership positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others should be included; for example, elected officer for the SSO, homeroom rep, committee chairperson, team captain, etc.**

Leadership Role	Activity or Organization	Supervising Adult

2. **Activities-Neatly list all in-school and community activities in which you have participated in the past three years. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, major accomplishments, etc. (For example, Swim Team-2016-present, BAMS musical 2016 & 2017)**

Activity	Accomplishment	Year

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3. **Service- Neatly list all service activities in which you have participated prior to and including the last two school years. These can be service projects with a group in or out of school or done as an individual. Generally, these are done for or on the behalf of others *for no compensation (payment)*. Please have a parent or guardian (due to COVID-19 restrictions) sign the appropriate box (Do Not go outside your home seeking signatures). Letters for organizations can be attached to the application for documentation. (For example, Harford County Library, 5 hours, 7/1-5/2016, parent signature)**

Service Activity or Organization	Dates/# of Hours	Parent/Guardian Adult (Printed Name)	Parent/Guardian Signature or Evidence of Service

4. **Recognition/Awards- *(Not Honor Roll or Distinguished Honors as all applicants have this distinction)*-Neatly list below any honors or recognitions you have received in the past two years that support your candidacy for membership in NJHS. (For example, Student of the Month for 6 South)**

Recognition/Award	Year

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5. **<u>Essay-Character and Citizenship</u>**
   Think of 3-character traits that you possess. Briefly explain how you have exhibited these three traits and how they have benefited your school and community. Please provide a few descriptive examples to support each trait. Next, explain how these character traits could serve your community if you are inducted into the NJHS.

   Guidelines
   - ***<u>DO NOT</u> type your name on or in the essay or put your name in the essay.***
   - **Essay format (4 paragraphs)**
     1. **Introduction**
     2. **Paragraph 2-Character traits and examples**
     3. **Paragraph 3-Connection to how these traits could serve your community if inducted into the NJHS.**
     4. **Concluding paragraph**

   - **Please type your essay, in 12-point font, double spaced.**

   - **1 to 1 ½ pages double spaced.**

   - **Proofread!**!! Use proper grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.

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