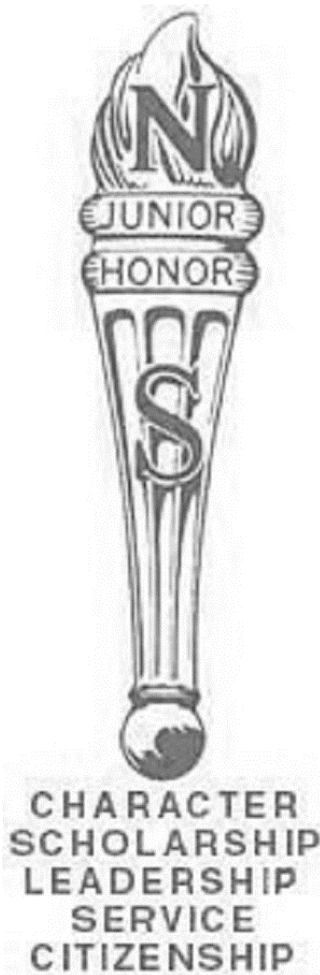


Martinez Middle School National Junior Honor Society Application Packet Spring 2022

CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE: 7th and 8th graders ONLY who have completed at least one semester at Martinez Middle School or are transferring from another middle school NJHS Chapter



Membership in the NJHS is both an honor and a responsibility. Students selected for membership are expected to continue to demonstrate the qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, service, and citizenship that helped them gain their membership.

January 4, 2022

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in Martinez Middle School's Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS.) Attached to this letter you will find information about NJHS selection criteria, membership obligations, and application materials: one Application Form and *two* Teacher Recommendation forms.

Please discuss your interest in NJHS with your **parents**. The individual service hours NJHS Members must complete often require a commitment of time from parents as well as Members; therefore, a parent signature is required on the application form.

Selection Criteria -

Membership in NJHS is not automatic upon application. Your NJHS application, Martinez Teacher recommendations, transcript, and other school records will be reviewed and rated by the Martinez NJHS Faculty Council. The rating scale will take into account all five pillars of NJHS - Character, Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Citizenship. Be sure your Application materials offer an accurate reflection of your accomplishments in each of these areas. All information will be held strictly confidential and you will receive a letter with the application status.

- In order to be considered for NJHS Membership, all Application materials must be submitted to Mrs. Leonard in Room 307 by Tuesday, January 18th, by 4:20pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
- Late applications will not be considered, so be sure to allow plenty of time to complete the process. Specifically, provide your Recommendation Forms to Martinez Teachers about 4-5 school days before the deadline. The Teachers will send me their forms directly, but please follow up with them.
- The Martinez NJHS Faculty Council will review all Application materials and make recommendations for Membership. You will receive your application status in Homeroom by Friday, January 21st.
- If you are selected for Membership, you will be invited to attend a New Member Orientation on Monday, January 24th at 3:30pm as well as our Spring Induction Ceremony on Monday, January 31st at 6:00pm. PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES in your calendar and secure transportation to these events.

CALENDAR at-a-glance:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
January 18	4:20pm	Room 307	Application Form and Teacher Recommendations DUE
January 21	9:25am	HR/1 st Period	Applicants will be notified of their Application status
January 24	3:30-4:30pm	Cafeteria	New Member Orientation: Meet-and-Greet with Officers, order your Tshirt, pay \$10 Annual Dues, review Service Hours Log, and rehearse for the Induction Ceremony
January 31	6:00pm-7:00pm	Steinbrenner HS Auditorium *tentative*	Induction Ceremony

Thank you again for your interest in joining NJHS and good luck with the application process!

- Mrs. Leonard, NJHS Lead Sponsor

National Junior Honor Society

Membership Obligations



Membership in NJHS is an honor; in fact, to prove worthy of the honor, Members of this national society must meet *all* of the following obligations:

1. **Character** - Members of NJHS strive to develop the following character traits: responsibility, respect, patience, courage, caring, integrity, self-control, cooperation, and perseverance.
2. **Scholarship** - As an Honor Society, we have high expectations for academic performance. NJHS members must maintain a 3.5 GPA and A's in conduct each quarter.
3. **Leadership** - Members of NJHS act as student leaders, providing a positive role model to other Martinez students.
4. **Service** - A Service Hours Log documenting time spent volunteering must be maintained by all NJHS members and submitted each quarter for verification.
 - a. **Chapter Service Projects** - All members participate and promote the NJHS Group Service Projects. We will have various Committees for you to select how to serve.
 - b. **Individual Service Projects** - All members can independently complete additional service hours on their own. While Members are encouraged to serve on as many group projects as possible, this individual service may be completed through a church group, a scout group, a community volunteer effort, and/or opportunities offered at Martinez.
5. **Citizenship** - All members comply with school rules. Office referrals, detentions, or suspension for behavior issues are not acceptable for members of NJHS.

Further Obligations:

1. **Fees** - Martinez's NJHS members pay Annual Chapter Dues and purchase a club tshirt. The total cost is \$10. The dues help fund Chapter activities. The tshirt identifies and promotes our club.
2. **Meeting Attendance** - Members are expected to attend all scheduled Membership meetings. Members who cannot attend a scheduled meeting must provide a written excuse to Mrs. Leonard.

When Membership obligations are not met:

Students who have been unable to fulfill obligations of our NJHS' Chapter are notified in writing that they are on "Probationary Status." Those on Probation will have one academic quarter to demonstrate their ability and willingness to fulfill all obligations of Membership in order to be considered a Member in "Good Standing." If they are unable to maintain Membership obligations, the Martinez NJHS Faculty Council will hold a hearing to consider the student's dismissal from the Chapter.

Resignation of Chapter Membership

Personal situations may change, and NJHS Members could find themselves unable to fulfill the obligations of NJHS membership. In this situation, Members have the option of tendering a Letter of Resignation instead of facing a disciplinary hearing and/or dismissal from the Martinez Chapter. Members are urged to meet with Mrs. Leonard if they feel their situation may warrant resignation from NJHS. Adviser will work with probationary Members to find ways to remain Members in good standing.



Martinez Middle School National Junior Honor Society SPRING 2022 APPLICATION FORM

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Directions: Please complete all sections of the Application Form. Write all responses neatly.
Completed forms must be turned in to Mrs. Leonard in Room 307 by Tuesday, January 18th by 4:20pm

Applicant's Name: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Student E-mail address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent Cell Number: _____

Parent E-mail address: _____

NEXT STEPS:

- Complete the back of this form, including a brief explanation for question #6.
- Select two Martinez Teachers you have worked with in the past. Ask each Teacher to complete the Teacher Recommendation Form on your behalf. Remember to write your name and the Teacher's name on the top of the form before handing it to them.
- Before 4:20pm on January 18th, stop by Room 307 and turn in your completed Application.
- ALL information about NJHS meetings and activities will be posted on Canvas. Please make sure you visit the NJHS group page often and you have an ACTIVE student Canvas account.



I have read, understand, and am willing to fulfill the responsibilities expected of an NJHS Member according to the Martinez National Junior Honor Society which includes, but is not limited to: 20 approved service hours per year (10 for Spring Inductees,) attending monthly meetings, maintaining a 3.5 GPA with A's in conduct and outstanding citizenship.

Applicant's Signature: _____

I have read and understand the obligations of NJHS membership. I support my child's decision to apply for membership.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

If you have questions, please email Mrs. Leonard at: martinez.njhs@gmail.com

Student Name:

Current Grade Level:

Period | Teacher:



1. **CHARACTER:** List any awards, honors, or recognition you have received at school or in the community that show you are a person of good character.

Name of Award/Honor	Name of Group offering the Award/Honor	Grade Level when earned
1.		
2.		
3.		

2. **SCHOLARSHIP:** Using your last report card, please describe your academic and conduct grades.

Academic Grades	Conduct Grades

3. **LEADERSHIP:** List any elected or appointed leadership positions held in school or the community. Examples include: club/group officer, elected team captain, etc.

Name of Position	Name of Group	Grade Level when position was held
1.		
2.		
3.		

4. **SERVICE:** List all in-school and community service activities in which you have participated. Examples include: clubs, teams, musical groups, scouts, church groups, etc.

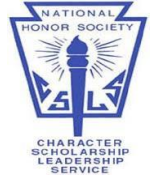
Name of Service Activity	Your role in the Service Activity	Amount of time devoted to service
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

5. **CITIZENSHIP:** Have you received an office referral, in-school suspension (ISS), or out-of-school suspension (OSS) at any time while at Martinez? (circle one) YES NO

If your answer was yes, what did you learn from that experience?

6. **MOTIVATION:** Please staple to the back of this Application Form a typed sheet of paper briefly explaining why you want to become a NJHS member and what benefits you will bring to our club.

NJHS Teacher Recommendation



Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

TEACHER Directions: The Student named above has applied for membership in Martinez Middle School's National Junior Honor Society and your input will be important in determining their eligibility for Membership. Please complete the rubric below and provide any additional information that will be helpful in determining if this Student is a good candidate.

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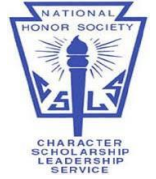
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Scholarship - This student demonstrates intrinsic motivation with regard to school work; he/she values learning and routinely performs at a high level of accomplishment.				
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Comments:

Teacher's signature _____ Date _____

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