

**Student name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Application Checklist**

The following items need to be completed and correctly submitted by the **specified deadline**:

1. Sports/Extracurricular Activities/Community Experiences - List the activities you have been involved in during your time at the PJMS. Don't forget to have coaches, advisors, and/or supervisors sign off!
2. Student Essay- Each question needs to be addressed in your essay. Responses must be typed, printed out, and turned in with your application folder. This is a critical piece of the application and is worth a large percentage of your score. Please devote the appropriate time and energy. No grammar/spelling errors!!

The final component of the application process is teacher/staff recommendations. PJMS faculty/staff will offer their recommendations to the Faculty Council.

**Late applications may be refused by the Faculty Council.**

The five-member Faculty Council, appointed by the Principal (advisors may not serve on the Council), will review applications and recommendations both randomly and anonymously.

# ***NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY***

## **Port Jervis Middle School**

The Port Jervis Middle School National Junior Honor Society is an official chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. The NJHS is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle level students. According to the NJHS, "More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character." Membership in this chapter is open to all middle school students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Criteria for selection are established by the national council of NJHS and revised to meet local chapter needs. Students are selected by an anonymous five-member Faculty Council, appointed by the principal which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each year.

At PJMS, in accordance with national standards set by NJHS, students will **first** qualify for an invitation through their demonstration of success in the area of scholarship. Students who have a cumulative grade of ninety (90%) are invited to complete an application packet which provides the Faculty Council with the candidate's leadership and service. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is required. Therefore, just because a student qualifies based on their cumulative average, does not mean they will automatically be inducted into the NJHS. After students fill out an information sheet and submit an application essay, applications will be reviewed anonymously by our Faculty Council (advisors are not allowed to serve on the Council). Additionally, PJMS staff members will offer feedback for the Council to consider.

Students who meet the established criteria will be selected to join the PJMS chapter of the NJHS. Members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all five criteria that led to their selection. Throughout the school year, members will take part in a variety of activities, both in the school and the community, that are in line with the foundational traits of the NJHS. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the PJMS principal, Mr. Marotta, or the Chapter Co-Advisors, Mrs. Wieboldt and Mrs. O'Connell.

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# *PJMS National Junior Honor Society*

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the sections below with accurate information. Remember, it is only from the beginning of seventh grade until present day.

Club/Sport	Advisor/Coach	Club/Sport	Advisor/Coach
1.		7.	
2.		8.	
3.		9.	
4.		10.	
5.		11.	
6.		12.	

Volunteer Activities/Community Service* Minimum of 10 Service Hours	Organization	Contact Name/Signature
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

# PJMS National Junior Honor Society

## Student Application Essay

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

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

Please answer the questions below in an essay format. Each prompt should be addressed in its own paragraph. **This questionnaire form is a large percentage of your total application that will determine your consideration for membership.**

Please type your responses, print out, and submit with your completed application packet.

### Question #1 (15 points)

**SERVICE** (*willingness to work for the benefit of those in need without recognition...*)

- Why is service important to you?
- What impact does service have on our society? World?

### Question #2 (15 points)

**LEADERSHIP** (taking the initiative, delegating responsibilities, having a positive attitude...)

- In your opinion, what is leadership?
- Why is it important and how can you show it?

### Question #3 (15 points)

**CHARACTER** (striving daily to make the right choice, showing courtesy and respect...)

- Why is character important?
- How does your character define you?

### Question #4 (15 points)

**CITIZENSHIP** (understanding your role/contributions within society...)

- What are your strengths? (personality, school, athletic, character)
- What areas do you need improvement?

Please spend a significant amount of time on this aspect of the application.  
**It is a critical piece, as it is your chance to provide the Faculty Council with insight into who you are as a person and why you should be considered for membership.**

**Type Essay Here:**