

Name: _____ grade: 6 7 8 9 (circle)

Vegas Valley Adventist Academy



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY APPLICATION 2023-2024

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION: ONLY THE DOCUMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF YOUR APPLICATION PROCESS. THE APPLICATION **MUST BE SUBMITTED IN INK OR TYPED** (NO PENCIL PLEASE).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY- August 28, 2023

Must be in Mrs. Galicia-Silveira's hands or with the school's front office personal by **3:45 pm**
(absolutely no late applications will be accepted)

The application must be signed by the student and a parent on the application checklist to be considered complete.

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Application Checklist

Make sure you have completed each of the following before turning in your application.

____ Did you and your parents read the information page?

____ Did you attach the community service forms (30hrs)-

____ Did you use the required form to document your service?

____ Did you attach two recommendation letters by people who know you outside the classroom (no teachers)? Make sure you are submitting the originals- (no emails, copies are accepted)-they must have a signature and a contact number

____ Did you submit your essay? Was it typed? Is it at least 250 words?

____ Did you complete the leadership section?

____ Did you complete the extracurricular activities page?

____ Did you complete the work experience, recognition, and awards page?

____ Did you make a copy of this application for your own records? **Applications will not be returned to students after submission.**

____ Did you put the required materials in order and place on the right side of your green folder? The required order is listed on the last page of Expectations Guidelines.

I, _____ (print your name), have read, understood and completed this application and agree to the manner of the selection process. I hereby state that the information herein is true and accurate. I understand that any violation of the pillars of the National Junior Honor Society (scholarship, character, leadership and service) as well as providing any consciously false information on this application may result in my immediate and permanent removal from NJHS, as well as any disciplinary actions deemed necessary by faculty council and our principal.

Student signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent signature: _____ **Date:** _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING EXPECTATIONS:

The National Junior Honor Society recognizes **6th – 9th graders** who achieve excellence in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership, and service. You must excel in **ALL** four areas. **A minimum of 3.25 cumulative weighted GPA is required** to apply in addition to having completed **30HRS of community service on a volunteer basis** for a non-profit organization. Additionally, you must **be involved in at least two extra-curricular activities this year and last year.**

The selection committee (faculty council) **will assess your character** through a process involving the following: analysis of your essay, the two formal character and leadership recommendation letters submitted by you, and the evaluation forms

submitted by every staff member that has taught or worked with you. These evaluations are done internally.

The main purpose of this application is for you to inform the selection committee of your history of leadership, character, scholarship and service. The committee is looking for consistent examples of leadership and service over an extended period of time. For the purposes of this application, your middle school career started the summer between your fifth- and sixth-grade years & your high school career started the summer between your eighth- and ninth-grade years.

A leadership position is any position in which you are in charge of others. Serving in a leadership position means the activity described would not have occurred or would have been greatly impacted without your participation. These can be “traditional” positions such as a team captain or club officer. They can also be somewhat less obvious roles such as organizing a service activity or chairing a school committee. On your application, it is necessary to clearly describe your position and duties, so the faculty committee can understand your role. Please be aware that some positions may sound like leadership positions when they are not. For example, a position that you attain because of a particular skill (such as the first chairs/ Historian in the orchestra) is not necessarily a leadership position unless it is accompanied by leadership responsibilities. **Tutoring is only a service and is not considered leadership.**

A service/community activity is anything you have done to serve your community without receiving compensation (money, personal benefit or academic credit) for your actions. Service can include activities associated with school organizations as well as any community or religious organizations (non-profit organizations). If you use a club for your community hours, then you cannot double dip and also use it towards your activities. For instance: if you are a member of student association and are completing community service or volunteer hours, you cannot use these volunteer hours for both student association and NJHS. Office or teacher aides is not considered service.

An extracurricular activity can be a school club, a sport, or an outside club as long as it is organized, meets at least once a month, and has an obvious purpose. You must be involved in at least 2 per year, provide a description, and obtain a valid signature from the advisor or the one who oversees the activity. All students need to verify 2 activities for each of the two previous school years.

YOUR TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION MUST ADDRESS TWO TOPICS: LEADERSHIP AND CHARACTER. These must be written by someone who is **not a family member, family friend, neighbor, or a classroom teacher.** This could be someone you worked with during your service hours, a manager at your place of work (if you work), a supervisor, a coach, a club adviser, a mentor, a guidance counselor, an administrator, a church ministry coordinator/director, etc. These letters will be evaluated on the **specific examples** that depict your **character** and your **leadership** abilities.

YOU MUST INCLUDE AND PUT YOUR APPLICATION IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. NJHS Cover Sheet | NAME & GRADE LEVEL IS REQUIRED |
| 2. Application Checklist-- | Must be checked and signed by student and parent |

3. **Community Service Forms**—Use VVAA forms from advisers, completed with specific dates and times, and signed by supervisor with phone number and title.
4. **Leadership Form**-- Must have position, description, grade level, and advisor/adult signature.
5. **Extracurricular Activities**-- Must have activity, description, grade level, and advisor/adult signature.
6. **Work/Recognition/Awards**—Must list job, recognition, or award, description, grade level, and advisor / adult signature.
7. **2 Letters of Reference**-- Must have 2 and be specific on character & leadership
8. **Typed Essay**-- Must state aphorism and follow all guidelines

If you are applying to be a member of VVAA Chapter of the NJHS for the 2023-2024 school year, **you must return the form to Mrs. Galicia-Silveira or the front office personnel by Monday, August 28, 2023.**

Your NHS advisors' roles—

To enforce the national guidelines so that VVAA can keep its NJHS accreditation, to guide you and to provide the evidence for your case to both faculty council and the national organization. Your advisors do not decide if you are accepted or rejected. Faculty Council makes that decision. Their decision is **FINAL**. There is no appeals' process. The entire evaluation process takes approximately 4 – 5 weeks. All decisions will be mailed the week before the induction ceremony. **The induction ceremony is mandatory for all members. Failure to attend the ceremony will preclude a candidate from becoming a member.**

If you have any questions while completing this application, please contact your advisors as soon as possible. You may make an appointment or email them. It is your responsibility to ask any questions BEFORE submitting the application. Please do not interrupt the advisors during class. More information about NJHS can be found at www.njhs.us under regulation 400-25.

NJHS ESSAY

Topic: Pick **ONE** of the five aphorisms:

(Character) “Our characters are a result of our conduct.” –Aristotle

(Character) “The integrity of a person is not how much wealth he or she acquires, but in his or her integrity and his or her ability to affect those around him or her positively.”-adapted from Bob Marley

(Leadership) “The wisdom of admitting your weaknesses and correcting them through continuous learning means leadership.”-A. James

(Scholarship) “I would prefer even to fail with honor than win by cheating.”-Sophocles

(Service) “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.” ~Dr. Seuss

Guidelines:

1. This must be **typed, double-spaced** and be **250-300 words**. Stay within length requirements.
2. You must use **Size 12 Times New Roman Font** with 1 inch margins.
3. This must be on a SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER and attached to your application
4. Be specific. Provide examples from **your personal life and connect to** and **INCLUDE the selected aphorism**. These aphorisms apply to the 4 pillars of NJHS/NHS
5. This needs to be written as you would an essay with an attention grabber, main topic (thesis), well developed details, smooth flow, and effective closing.

Evaluation Rubric:

Score	Description of Evaluation
0-1	The student does not apply the aphorism to himself/herself. The essay does not follow 3 or more of guidelines.
2-4	The student addresses the topic with limited detail, description, & personal connection. The aphorism is not fully developed or feels incomplete. The essay does not follow 2 of the listed guidelines.
5-7	The student demonstrates a sufficient understanding of the topic, and an awareness of the author's choices, using adequate detail, development and support. All guidelines were met.
8-10	The student demonstrates a perceptive understanding of the text, topic and the author's choices, consistently using illustrative detail, development and support. The aphorism was poignantly and

NJHS PROSPECTIVE MEMBER



COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCUMENTATION FORM

THIS IS THE ONLY FORM ALLOWED TO BE USED FOR SERVICE

***** PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY*****

FORMS COMPLETED IN PENCIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED---

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Name of Community Organization Served: _____

Detailed Description of Volunteer Service Activity:

Specific Dates and Times of Volunteer Service: Must be specific and individualized for each day. You cannot state 1 hr from March 2019-June 2020 from 12-1. Must write/ list **each day (Ex. May 20, 2020)** worked with specific times: **Ex. 1:00-3:00.**

Date: _____ Times: _____ Date: _____ Times: _____

Date: _____ Times: _____ Date: _____ Times: _____

Date: _____ Times: _____ Date: _____ Times: _____

TOTAL Number of Hours: _____

I verify that this student has completed the described volunteer service activity for the aforementioned community organization, and that I am a representative of the organization.

Name (print)
Title:

Signature

Phone Number

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS



LIST ALL ELECTED OR APPOINTED LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD IN SCHOOL, COMMUNITY, SPORTS OR WORK ACTIVITIES. **PLEASE BE THOROUGH IN ALL LEADERSHIP AND DESCRIPTIONS. YOU MUST USE BACK OF THIS PAGE (OR ATTACH TO BACK) TO WRITE OR TYPE ONE PARAGRAPH SPECIFYING LEADERSHIP DUTIES FOR EACH LEADERSHIP POSITION. YOU MUST INCLUDE PARAGRAPH TO HAVE YOUR LEADERSHIP ROLE CONSIDERED.**

LEADERSHIP POSITION	DESCRIPTION	YEARS IN SCHOOL (6, 7, 8, 9, 10)	PRINT NAME, TITLE, AND SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITES



List all activities in which you have participated in high school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, theater productions, etc. and major accomplishments in each.

**PLEASE BE THOROUGH IN ALL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS.
USE BACK OF THIS PAGE IF NEEDED.**

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION/ ACCOMPLISHMENT	YEARS IN SCHOOL (6 7 8 9 10)	PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR
1.			Print Name: Signature:
2.			Print Name: Signature:
3.			Print Name: Signature:
4.			Print Name: Signature:
5.			Print Name: Signature:
6.			Print Name: Signature:

WORK EXPERIENCE/ RECOGNITION/ AWARDS



List below any job experiences, honors or awards that you received during HS that may support your selection into NHS. Work may be paid or volunteer (Anything used on service hour forms cannot be listed here do to overlapping). **MUST HAVE AT LEAST 1 RECOGNITION/AWARD LISTED. YOU CANNOT USE G.P.A. AWARD. HOWEVER, YOU MAY USE STUDENT OF THE MONTH, END OF THE YEAR, OR OTHER TEACHER RECOGNITION.**

Job or Award	Description	Years in school (6 7 8 9 10)	Printed Name and Supervisor Signature
1.			Print Name: Signature:
2.			Print Name: Signature:
3.			Print Name: Signature:
4.			Print Name: Signature:
5.			Print Name: Signature:
6.			Print Name: Signature:

If you have more than six, list on back side of page.