

National Junior Honor Society

Canonsburg Middle School Candidate Evaluation Guidelines

Students who have first qualified academically for membership into the Canonsburg Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society will then be reviewed on the basis of their character and community/school involvement, as described in their student application and faculty input.

The following point-system and guidelines will be applied to the student application to determine whether or not a candidate is accepted into the society.

Each section on the application must be completed in its entirety in order to be considered for acceptance into the society.

In the category of co-curricular activities, the student will receive:

- 4 points if they are involved in 5 or more activities
- 2 points if they are involved in 3 or 4 activities
- 1 point if they are involved in 1 or 2 activities
- 0 points if they are not involved in any co-curricular activities

In the category of leadership positions, the student will receive:

- 4 points if they have held 4 or more leadership positions
- 3 points if they have held 3 leadership positions
- 2 points if they have held 1 or 2 leadership positions
- 0 points if they have not held any leadership positions

In the category of service/community activities, the student will receive:

- 4 points if they are involved in 6 or more service activities
- 3 points if they are involved in 4 or 5 service activities
- 2 points if they are involved in 2 or 3 service activities
- 1 point if they are involved in 1 service activity
- 0 points if they are not involved in any service activities

In the category of essay response, the student will receive:

- 5 points if the essay includes the following items: a strong introductory and closing paragraph, at least 2 body paragraphs in which 2 specific examples of leadership attributes are clearly defined and has not exceeded 400 words. (Essay was typed and submitted correctly)

- 3 points if the essay includes the following items: an introductory and closing paragraph that are in need of more detail, 1 or 2 body paragraphs in which only 1 example of leadership attributes are defined and has not exceeded 400 words. (Essay was typed and submitted correctly)
- 1 point if the essay includes ANY of the following items: missing an opening or concluding paragraph, missing 2 specific examples of leadership attributes OR if the essay is not properly typed and submitted correctly.

In the category of work experience, recognition and awards, no point system will be applied; those recognitions and awards will be evaluated holistically by the faculty council in relation to the student's overall application.

The following point system will be applied to the student's application if any apply:

Negative Comments

If a student receives one (1) negative comment from the faculty, that student will lose 2 points from his/her overall application score.

If a student receives two (2) negative comments from the faculty, that student will lose 4 points from his/her overall application score.

If a student receives more than two (2) negative comments from the faculty, that student will become ineligible for membership, regardless of their application's current point standing.

Note: Depending on the severity of the behavioral/ethical infraction such as but not limited to: plagiarism, cheating, fighting, stealing, and multiple behavioral infractions, the student could automatically become ineligible regardless of their application's current point standing.

Positive Comments

No point system will be applied to positive comments written by the faculty, however, those comments will be considered and reviewed by the council and may result in an additional one (1) or two (2) points being added to the application score, depending on the behavior mentioned. Such behaviors can include, but are not limited to: going above and beyond to help another student, going above and beyond to help the school community, etc. Each positive comment will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

The above point system and guidelines will be used to calculate whether or not a candidate is accepted into the society. Students who score a minimum of (11) eleven points are invited to be part of the National Jr. Honor Society.