

From Charles Allen, president of the NJHS National Council...

"If education fails to develop a good citizen, then all has been lost. If the student does not discover through his studies and experiences that unless he can give more to society than he has taken from society, then his schooling has failed... With an avowed purpose of promoting better Citizenship, Character, Leadership, Scholarship and Service, the NJHS is amply justified."



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When the National Junior Honor Society was founded in 1929, the hope was to create an organization that would recognize and encourage academic achievement while also developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy: scholarship, character, service, citizenship and leadership.

Now, more than 70 years later, the NJHS has become a prestigious organization, a leader among societies that promote recognition for students. NJHS membership is often regarded as a valid indicator that the student will succeed in life and particularly in studies at the post-secondary education level.



THE PURPOSE OF NJHS

According to the National Constitution, the purpose of the NJHS is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render ser-



vice, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship.

(NJHS Constitution, 1997)

The Society is not just a glorified honor roll; rather, it makes a contribution that will elevate school spirit to the status where students are willing not only to lead, but also to follow the right kind of leadership in service to other pupils and where students grow in character and citizenship. Through NJHS chapter service activities, members maintain and extend the qualities that won them selection.

The societies have flourished; chapters are found in all parts of the U.S. and in schools in more than 75 countries world-wide. Based on average chapter size, it is estimated that more than 200,000 students become members of NJHS annually.

MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

For many students, selection as a member of the NJHS is the pinnacle of their achievements in school. This honor, recognized throughout the nation, is both the public recognition of accomplishment and the private commitment to continued excellence.

Students who meet the 3.70 cumulative GPA qualification are invited to apply to NJHS. Applications are screened by a faculty council and nomination is based on outstanding scholarship, leadership, citizenship and service exhibited in the seventh grade year and first two nine weeks of the eighth grade year. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

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