National Junior Honor Society

Landstown Middle School

2204 Recreation Drive

Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Congratulations! Due to your academic success this year, you are invited to apply for membership in the National Junior Honor Society. To be considered for membership, the following information must be submitted in printed black ink or typed. Applications filled out in pencil will not be accepted. Applications filled out by someone other than the applicant (including a parent) will not be accepted. Failure to submit the completed form and attachments on time will be taken as an indication that you do not wish to be considered for membership. ***Please return the completed information form and attachments to Mrs. Wilson in Main Guidance no later than 4pm Tuesday, May 1st, 2018.***

**NJHS Sponsors will host an application workshop on Friday, April 20th, during your Lancer Bell.** Students are not required to attend, however, attendance will help them fill out their applications correctly and completely and give them a chance to ask questions.

Application Checklist

* Part I: Scholarship Honors and Awards List
* Part II: Citizenship Student Signature
* Part III: Leadership Activities List
* Part IV: Service Activities List
* Part V: Service Short Answer
* Part VI: Character Essay
* Part VII: Core Teacher Recommendation
* Part VIII: Parent & Student Signature

Applicant: Please PRINT all information in black ink or typewritten.

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

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Parent/Guardian Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian best contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian E-mail address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*The National Junior Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1929.*

*In the application below, you will describe how you demonstrate the five tenets of NJHS (scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship) in your academic and personal life. In Part I. III. and IV if you have no experience you may write N/A “not applicable”.*

**Part I. Scholarship**

Neatly list all honors and awards earned for academic excellence in the last two years. (You may include honor roll, straight As)*.* You may use a separate sheet of paper if the space provided below is not sufficient.

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| **Honor/Award** | **Date** |
| Ex: Principal’s List | Quarters 1-3 2016-17 school year |
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**Part II: Citizenship**

Please write your signature below to attest you have not had any office referrals, in-school or out-of-school suspensions at any time while attending LMS.

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(Your signature)

**Part III: Leadership**

The NJHS tries to develop good leaders. Your leadership ability is shown by the “extra” activities you are involved in whether you hold an office or not. Please list activities in which you have participated and note major accomplishments in each. (You may include sports teams, scouting, clubs, etc). You may use a separate sheet of paper if the space provided below is not sufficient.

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| **Activity** | **6th** | **7th** | **Major Accomplishment** |
| Ex: LMS Wrestling team | X | X | Co-captain in 7th grade |
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**Part IV: Service**

Neatly list all service activities in which you have participated in the last two years. These can be service projects with a group in or out of school or that you have completed as an individual. Generally, these are done for or on the behalf of others (not including immediate family) without compensation (payment). Babysitting for money, for example, would not count. However, if you watch children in the nursery at your church as a volunteer that would count. You may use a separate sheet of paper if the space provided below is not sufficient.

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| **Service Activity, Organization, and Location** | **6th** | **7th** | **Dates/# of hours** |
| Ex: Collected and distributed coats at Agape Homeless Shelter, Virginia Beach | X |  | Nov 2017, 3 hours |
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**Part V: Service Short Answer**

Service is a main tenet of NJHS. On a separate piece of paper, please detail an original idea you have that NJHS could complete as a service project. This idea could be a service for the community at large or here at Landstown Middle. Be creative. All responses should be written in complete sentences and edited for spelling and grammar.

**Part VI: Character**

In a brief, well-written essay, think of three character traits you possess. Examples could include: bravery, joyfulness, punctuality, kindness, loyalty, cheerfulness, honesty, thankfulness, patience, humor, sharing, understanding, tolerance, cooperation, perseverance, fairness, generosity, etc.. Briefly explain how you have exhibited these three characteristics and how these qualities (and you!) would benefit our chapter of NJHS. Your essay should not exceed 150 words and must be typed using size 12 font, double spacing, and black type. Attach this essay to your application.

**Part VII: Core Teacher Recommendation**

Give the attached recommendation form to at least one core teacher. You are welcome to give the recommendation to another teacher but a minimum of one **core teacher** (English, Math, Science, or Social Studies) is required, but no more than two total recommendations. Additionally, if you have a coach or community member you’d like to have write a reference for you that is allowed. However, it must be in addition to the core teacher recommendation. Your core teacher will return your recommendation form to the NJHS sponsors directly.

**Part VIII: Signatures**

I understand that completing and submitting this form does not guarantee selection to the National Junior Honor Society. I attest that the information presented here is complete and accurate. I attest that I completed this application on my own. If I am selected and inducted into NJHS, I agree to abide by the standards and guidelines of the chapter and to fulfill all of my membership obligations according to the Member Contract.

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Student Signature Date

I have read the information provided by my son/daughter on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

**NJHS Core Teacher Recommendation**

**Directions:** The student named below has applied for membership in Landstown’s NJHS and your input will be important in determining their eligibility for membership. Please complete the rating scales below by highlighting or circling the appropriate descriptor. Additionally, please include a few sentences on the lines provided that would be helpful in determining if this student is a good candidate for NJHS. ***Please return the recommendation to Emily Wilson or Megan Foard in guidance. Please do not return to the student.***

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

Core Teacher Name & Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Leadership:** This student demonstrates useful leadership skills in the classroom environment. I.e. the ability to listen to multiple points of view, the ability to disagree respectfully, the ability to defuse potential conflicts, a willingness to take initiative planning.

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**Service:** The student displays a willingness to help out without expecting a tangible reward.

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**Character:** The student behaves responsibly and respectfully in interactions with peers and adults, and s/he shows integrity in her/his daily behavior.

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**Citizenship:** This student has a good attendance record, participates willingly in group activities, and offers a good example of appropriate behavior for others.

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Comments: Please use the space provided on the back page share with us why or why not you think this candidate deserves admission into NJHS. Please speak specifically about any concerns you have that this student might not uphold one of the five tenets listed above.