

Birney K-8 School National Junior Honor Society



NJHS Application Packet Cover Page

***This application packet is due no later than
Friday, October 20, 2017***

Deposit your completed application packet into the NJHS Box located in the Counseling Center. It is the student's responsibility to make sure all required materials are completed and turned in by due date.

Please assemble your required forms in the following order. Make sure your name is on every page! Staple in the upper left hand corner.

- NJHS Application Packet Cover Page – page 1**
- Student Informational Sheet – page 4**
- Commitment Form – page 5**
- Student Activity Form – pages 8 & 9**
- Essay – page 10**

I understand that completion of this packet does not guarantee membership into the Birney K-8 National Junior Honor Society. I verify that all information presented is both accurate and complete.

Student Name (first & last; please print)

Grade

Student Signature

Date

The Purposes of
NJHS
as found in the NJHS Constitution

1. To *create enthusiasm* for *Scholarship*
2. To stimulate *a desire* to render *Service*
3. To promote *Leadership*
4. To develop *Character*
5. To encourage *Citizenship*



Source: National Junior Honor Society Handbook 13th Edition, 2012

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Fall 2017

The advisers and administrators of Birney K-8 School National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) welcome you! In order to be considered for induction into the Birney K-8 School NJHS, you must meet the following requirements:

Eligibility Requirements for NJHS

- Maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0
- Complete the membership application requirements
- Be a current 6th (2nd semester), 7th or 8th grade student.

Membership is by invitation only and it is an honor and privilege to be part of NJHS. Those who are invited to apply for membership must successfully complete an application process and there is a chance that some students who are invited to apply may not be selected for induction into the Birney K-8 National Junior Honor Society.

Application Procedures for NJHS

- Applications will be available both on the Birney's website and in the Counseling Center for **7th & 8th grade students beginning Friday, October 6, 2017.**
- Read and follow all instructions of the Birney K-8 NJHS Membership Application Packet.
- Completed applications are to be submitted to the Counseling Center and deposited into the NJHS Box no later than **Friday, October 20, 2017.**
- Required two (2) Teacher Recommendations to be submitted by Teacher– (see page 6 of this packet)

Emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.

Students will not be considered for NJHS if applications are submitted after **October 20, 2017.**



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Student Informational Sheet

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parent e-mail: _____

Please write the names of the teachers from whom you have requested a recommendation.

1. _____

2. _____

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Commitment Form

I, (print student name) _____, commit to uphold the National Junior Honor Society academic and behavioral standards and expectations. I will do my best in school and maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher in accordance with the Birney K-8 Student Code of Conduct. I understand that if I fail to meet the standards of the Birney K-8 Student Code of Conduct or if I fall below the required GPA, I will be placed on probation for one card marking. I also understand that after the probation period, if I do not raise my GPA and/or meet the standards of the Birney K-8 Student Code of Conduct, I will be permanently removed from the Birney K-8 School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. I also understand that if I receive any type of disciplinary action that involves the school administration that I may be removed from NJHS without the chance of a probationary period.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

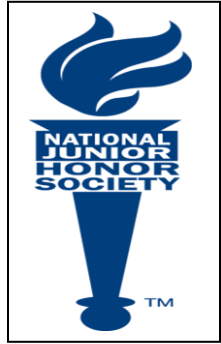
I, (print parent name) _____, parent or guardian of the above signed student commit to be supportive and to do my part in helping my child achieve and maintain membership in the Birney K-8 School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____



**Birney K-8 School National Junior Honor Society
Teacher Recommendation Form**



Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Please address the following items in your recommendation for the above named student: leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Thank you for assisting in the application process for the Birney K-8 School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

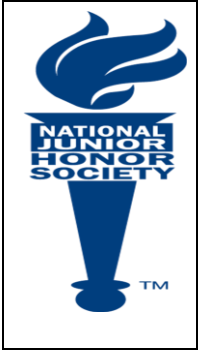
Teachers: Please place this recommendation in a sealed envelope and deposit it into the NJHS Box located in the Counseling Center. No later than 12:00 pm October 20, 2017.

	Superior	Excellent	Satisfactory	Area of Growth
Attends school on a regular basis				
Is on time to class				
Completes class assignments on time				
Respects and honors school environment				
Shows positive attitude in class				
Gets along well with others				
Demonstrates eagerness to learn				
Ability to make and keep commitments				
Accepts responsibility				
Demonstrates initiative				
Possesses leadership qualities				
Has a high level of integrity				
Has positive sense of self				
Helps other				

Additional Comments:

Teacher's Signature: _____

Teacher's Name (printed): _____



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Teacher's Name (printed): _____

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Student Activity Form

Student Name _____

Extracurricular Activities

Beginning with the 6th grade list all activities in which you have participated inside or outside of school. Include clubs, teams, musical and drama groups, etc... List any accomplishments you achieved within that activity.

Activity	Grade (6, 7, 8)	Accomplishment

Leadership Positions

List all leadership positions held in school, community or work activities. For example: student council officer, club officer, team captain, newspaper editor, etc.

Activity	Grade (6, 7, 8)	Accomplishment

Recognition and Awards

List any honors, awards or other recognition that you have received that support your application to be selected for membership in the National Junior Honor Society.

Activity	Grade (6, 7, 8)	Recognition/Award

Community Activities

List community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment. These should be any activity outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community. For example: religious groups, clubs sponsored outside of school, Boy or Girl Scouts, etc. Do not include chores, family babysitting or activities for which you are paid.

Activity	Grade (6, 7, 8)	Accomplishment

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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Essay: Character and Citizenship



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 they have benefited your school and community. Please provide a few descriptive examples to support each trait (you can use your Student Activity Information Sheet to help you!) Next, explain how these character traits could serve your school and community if you are inducted into the Birney K-8 School National Junior Honor Society.

Don't be bashful when explaining your accomplishments; be proud of what you have done!

Guidelines:

- ✓ **Essay format (4 paragraphs):**
 - Introductory sentence/s
 - Paragraph(s) - Your three character traits and supporting examples
 - Paragraph(s) - Connection to how these traits will benefit others as a Birney K - 8 School NJHS member
 - Concluding sentence/s
- ✓ Please **type** your essay, **double-spaced**, in **12 point font**.
- ✓ Please keep your essay to approximately **150-250 words** (this is about 1 to 1 ½ pages double spaced) To check your word count in Microsoft Word, highlight the text, go to "Tools," and choose "Word Count"
- ✓ **Be creative!!!**
- ✓ **Proofread!!!!** Use proper **grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling!**
- ✓ Make sure your **first and last name and grade level** are in the **top right corner** of your essay.

Character is who you are when no one is looking.

Citizenship is your commitment to your school, neighborhood, city, state, nation, and the world.