



# Lakeside Academy

## National Junior Honor Society Application

**Spring 2025 Induction Ceremony: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 (pending acceptance)**

Name (Print Clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Pd. 1 Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**Read this page thoroughly before completing the application!**

### **FYI – Before You Commit**

- Membership in the Lakeside Academy Middle School National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Chapter is open to rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders only. Students should apply at the end of their 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade year to participate during their 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.
- Students must maintain a minimum of a **3.8 GPA** to be accepted.
- NJHS meets the second Tuesday of each month after school until 3:20PM unless otherwise noted. Members are expected to make every effort to attend all meetings and participate in all NJHS activities.
- Students selected for membership will receive a CONTRACT and BY-LAWS to sign and return, finalizing their acceptance.
  - a. Please be aware that there is a **\$20** membership fee for NJHS. This helps pay for our national accreditation, a membership t-shirt, and any start-up materials for activities. Any additional money left over in the budget at the end of the year is donated to a charity selected by the members of Lakeside's NJHS. ***This note is simply to make you aware, but please do not pay this now!*** A link will be made available on SchoolPay once acceptance letters go out.
  - b. NJHS members are also required to complete at least 20 service hours by May of their 2025-2026 school year. The hours must be collected after May 2025 and before May of 2026. Hours collected before May 2025 will not be counted towards the 20 required hours.

### **The application must include:**

- Calculated GPA chart
  - Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.8 to be accepted.
- Completed Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship sections in the application.
- Four teacher recommendation names/subject areas
- Applicant signature
- Parent signature

**Completed application forms are to be returned to Ms. Gavarrette by**

**Friday, March 28, 2025 by 3PM**

**Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted. This includes each part of every section.**

**SCHOLARSHIP:**

**You must currently have a Grade Point Average of 3.8 to be accepted into NJHS.** Below are the directions for calculating your GPA.

GPA Points

- A = 4
- B = 3
- C = 2
- D = 1

Calculate your GPA based on your current (6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>) grade level  
**Q1-Q3 grades ONLY.**

Enter your grade in the grade column and put the corresponding points in the same column (for example, A/4) for **Quarters 1-3**. Add the number of points in each Quarter column and divide by the number of courses (7). This is your GPA for each quarter. Average the 3 GPA's and that is your overall GPA. \*Your GPA will be verified by the front office, so please be honest.

You must have an overall **GPA of 3.8** or above and during the first three quarters the 2024-2025 school year to be considered for NJHS.

***Once inducted, you must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA for each quarter.***

	Quarter 1 Grade/Points	Quarter 2 Grade/Points	Quarter 3 Grade/Points	Overall Grade/Points
Math				
Language Arts				
Social Studies				
Science				
Elective Name Here:				
Elective Name Here:				
Elective Name Here:				
G.P.A				OVERALL GPA

**SERVICE:**

**A student who serves possesses the following attributes:**

- Participates in some outside activity: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, religious groups, volunteer services (for example, tutoring), family duties, etc.
- Cheerfully renders requested service to the school
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students

List and describe at least **TWO** of your service activities from 6<sup>th</sup> grade until present (be as detailed as possible, explain how this shows the characteristic):

**Example:** *I volunteered at a fair for one week over the summer. I worked for two hours every day selling raffle tickets to raise money for my church.*

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**LEADERSHIP:**

**A student who demonstrates leadership possesses the following attributes:**

- Promotes school activities
- Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- Is able to delegate responsibilities
- Demonstrates leadership in the class, school, and community

List **THREE** specific activities, offices, memberships, etc. in which you have demonstrated the above attributes in the 6<sup>th</sup> and/or 7<sup>th</sup> grades (may include outside activities). Be as detailed as possible, explain how this shows the characteristic.

**Example:** *I am a part of the Lakeside Volleyball team. I show leadership by being a good role model for my teammates by explaining drills to my teammates and always helping my coach.*

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**CHARACTER:****A student of character demonstrates the following attributes:**

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerful, friendliness, poise, etc.)
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations
- Demonstrates the highest standards of HONESTY and reliability
- Shows COURTESY, CONCERN, AND RESPECT for others

Describe **THREE** specific incidences in which you have demonstrated desirable qualities of character from 6<sup>th</sup> and/or 7<sup>th</sup> grade. (Be as detailed as possible -explain how this shows the characteristic):

**Example:** *I always try to be honest with teachers and parents. For example, I was called to the dean's office once as a witness to an incident. I made sure to be honest and explain exactly what I saw to the deans.*

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**CITIZENSHIP:**

**The student who demonstrates citizenship demonstrates the following attributes:**

- Understands the importance of civic involvement
- Has a high regard for freedom, justice, and respect for the American form of Government
- Demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs, etc.

List **TWO** activities and memberships in clubs and organizations in which you've demonstrated CITIZENSHIP qualities since your 6<sup>th</sup> grade year

(be as detailed as possible explain how this shows the characteristic):

**Example:** *I have taken an interest in our government. I have been watching the news and discuss what is going on in the U.S. with my family.*

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**FACULTY RECOMMENDATIONS**

You need recommendations from at least **four** current or former teachers at Lakeside.

- Fill in the name of your teacher and his/her subject area in the chart below.
  - o If this teacher is not from Lakeside please include the teacher’s email.
  - o If you are new to Lakeside this year and cannot reach your previous teachers, please contact Mrs. Gavarrette ([natalie.gavarrette@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:natalie.gavarrette@stjohns.k12.fl.us)). We will come up with an acceptable solution together.
- At least **THREE** names should be from current Lakeside Academy core-area teachers (ELA, math, science, social studies).
- Mrs. Gavarrette will contact these teachers to seek their recommendation on your behalf.
  - o Students must have an average teacher rating score above 4.0.
  - o Teachers will be asked to fill out a recommendation form like the one shown here (**THEY DO NOT FILL OUT THIS ONE!!**):

*TEACHER USE ONLY*

Please evaluate the student listed above based on the statements below (1 = never; 5 = always) and BE HONEST. Results from this form will be used for acceptance into NJHS and possible officer positions within the organization next year.

	1	2	3	4	5
I would describe this student as <b>scholarly</b> .					
This student has the capability to <b>serve</b> others well.					
I would describe this student is a <b>leader</b> .					
This student demonstrates good <b>character</b> .					
This student follows classroom rules/procedures, and shows <b>respect</b> for his/her peers and teachers.					

Additional Notes (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name	Subject (and email if not an LA teacher)	Grade Level
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

**BEFORE YOU SIGN: Remember!**

- Did you complete every part of the application?
- Did you proofread and check your math?

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_