

September 2, 2014

Dear Prospective Honor Society Student and Parents,

Since you have consistently made advance or proficient high scores on your quarterly report card, it is likely that your cumulative grade point average is 3.5 or higher; this achievement during the 2013-14 school year will be used as the baseline for this GPA requirement. This, along with other skills, may qualify you for membership in the Horizon Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. You will be expected to demonstrate leadership, citizenship, good character, and service. These criteria are evaluated by using personal recommendations and an application process. If selected, you will be required to volunteer 30 hours to service projects as well as to attend meetings. These service hours can also be counted as IB service. Regular meetings will be held Thursdays before school. If you do not wish to make this time and service commitment, please do not apply. A membership fee of \$15.00 is required. This will be collected once you have been accepted into National Junior Honor Society.

A Student Activity Information Form is included with this letter. If you are interested in applying for membership in the National Junior Honor Society you may begin completing that form immediately. The teacher recommendation forms are also included in this packet. The following application materials **MUST** be returned by the end of the school day on ***September 12, 2014***

- Student Activity Information Form
- Your paragraph as instructed on the Student Activity Information Form
- Teacher Recommendations

Again, congratulations on your exceptional accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Beth Gist

Suzanne Lord

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Horizon Middle School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of NJHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter needs. Students are selected to be members by a Faculty Council which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of our school.

A student in the second semester of sixth grade or grades seven and eight are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better. Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Student Activity Information Form that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is also required.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council uses two forms of input. First, school records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, citizenship and leadership. These forms and the Student Activity Information Forms are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine membership. A majority vote of the Council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or nonselection according to a predetermined schedule.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all five criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings during the school year and participation in the chapter service project(s). Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser, Suzanne Lord in room 702 or by phone at 495-1149, extension 4110 or Beth Gist room 707 or by phone at 495-1149, extension 4138.

HORIZON MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

STUDENT ACTIVITY INFORMATION FORM

Directions: Please read all directions carefully and complete all sections. Do not be modest. The selection committee will use every bit of information to assist in the selection process. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please type or answer in ink and write legibly. Applications in pencil will not be accepted.

Name _____ Team _____

I. Co-curricular Activities:

List all activities in which you have actively participated and completed throughout school. Include the dates (month and year started and completed) for clubs, teams, musical groups, etc, and major accomplishment in each.

II. Leadership Positions:

List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school or community activities. Only those positions in which you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. For example, elected student, class, or club officer; committee chairperson; team captain; newspaper editor; or community leader.

III. Community Activities:

List community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment in each. These should be activities outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community. For example: religious organizations, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, volunteer groups, or community art endeavors.

IV. Recognitions and Awards:

List below any honors or awards that you have received which support your bid to be selected for membership in the National Junior Honor Society.

V. Narrative:

Write a brief paragraph indicating your reasons for desiring to become a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Please put this on another page.

VI. Recommendations

You must choose Horizon teachers you have this year or last year that can attest to your qualifications for National Junior Honor Society. Ask them to complete the recommendation and turn it in to Ms. Lord or Mrs. Gist on or before September 12, 2014. One academic and one enrichment teacher must be included. You may also have one additional letter of recommendation from an adult who has been in a supervisory position (scouts, youth group, volunteer work, coach, etc.) You should provide an envelope, stamped and addressed, for this optional recommendation form. All recommendations must be sent directly to:

Mrs. Beth Gist
Ms. Suzanne Lord
Horizon Middle School
1750 Piros Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Student Signature – I certify that this application is my own work. _____

Parent Signature _____ **Phone** _____

Teacher's Signature: _____

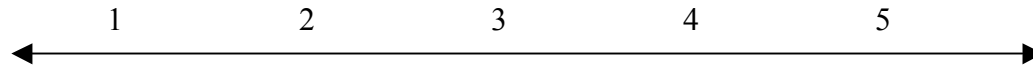
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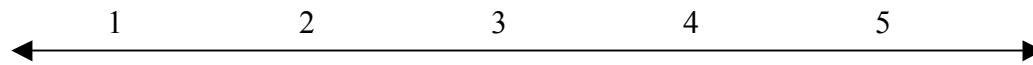
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Leadership:



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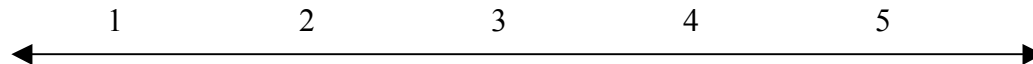
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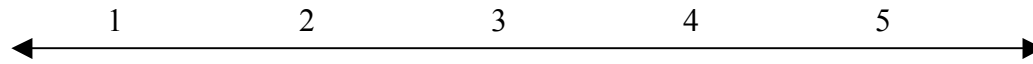
Service:



Willingness to help others
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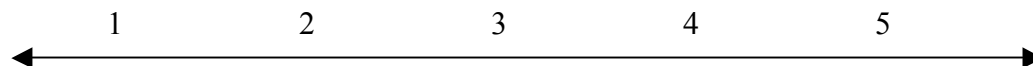
Citizenship:



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Character:



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Teacher's Signature: _____

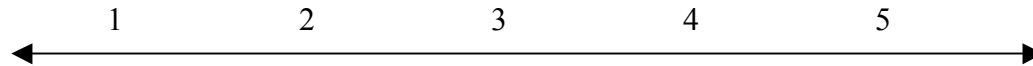
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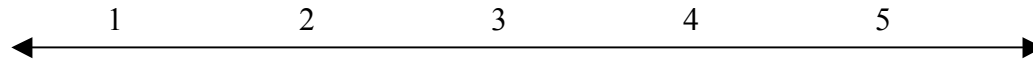
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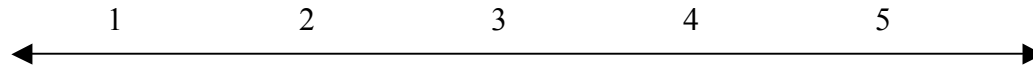
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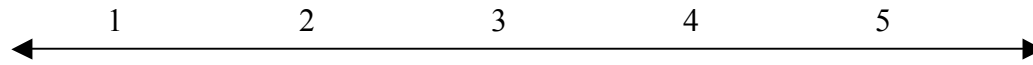
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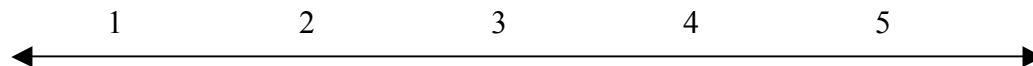
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