



## **National Junior Honor Society Franklin Academy - Sunrise Information for NJHS Candidates**



All scholars who have achieved a G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher are invited to apply for membership in the FASUN chapter of NJHS. FASUN NJHS members regularly exhibit five characteristics, which correlate with the five pillars of the NJHS national organization: scholarship, leadership, character, citizenship, and service. All five parts are examined to determine if a student should be inducted into the FASUN Chapter of NJHS.

### ***Scholarship***

As a FASUN NJHS candidate, you have met the minimum G.P.A. criteria (3.5). However, a high G.P.A. means very little to the NJHS Faculty Council if you are not also an active and positive influence in, as well as out of, the classroom. In the review process, the Faculty Council respects the student who develops interests in a variety of endeavors, including the fine and performing arts, physical education, technology, and so forth. Continuation of your positive classroom influence, demonstration of excellent scholarship, and participation in extracurricular activities are qualities that should be maintained during membership in the FASUN chapter of the NJHS.

### ***Leadership***

NJHS candidates should demonstrate experience in leadership. While leadership can be defined as the number of offices a student has held in school or community organizations, it can also include leadership roles within the classroom and other school activities such as athletic team captains, section leaders in band or chorus, and participation in student activities like Student Government. Leadership in activities outside of school (4-H, church, camps, etc.) are also excellent examples the Faculty Council recognizes and admires. A not-so-useful example of leadership is babysitting, membership in Boy or Girl Scouts without a leadership role, or participation on a sports team without a leadership role.

### ***Character and Citizenship***

A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. In and out of the school environment, your character and citizenship are demonstrated daily by the way you carry yourself; the behaviors you do or don't do, the way you interact with those around you, the respect you show adults, teachers and your peers, and how you handle both positive and negative

situations. Some good examples of character and citizenship might include a time when you did the right thing even when it was the unpopular thing to do, a time when you went beyond what was expected without expectation of reward or recognition. Examples of not-so-good character include being disrespectful, allowing someone to copy your homework or test answers, stealing, or using profanity.

### ***Service***

Service is considered to be actions done for others, at school or in the community, without any financial or material compensation. As a candidate for membership, you should have a previously demonstrated interest in service. NJHS membership will provide further service opportunities. Some good examples of service include volunteering in most any capacity, tutoring other students, visiting nursing homes, working in soup kitchens, or in some way giving back to an organization. Some not-so-good examples of service include any work you did for money, regular household chores, or self-serving projects.

## **The Faculty Council and the Selection Process**

The Faculty Council consists of five staff members from Franklin Academy - Sunrise. During the selection process, this group reviews all the candidate application packets and gives the final recommendation of a candidate for induction. No one outside the Faculty Council is permitted to see completed application packets, which includes candidates or their parents. There are no quotas for either the number or the percentage of candidates that are recommended for induction. The Faculty Council reviews all of the information from the completed application packets, and then compiles a list of recommended students for induction. That list is then given to the chapter adviser, who gets the Principal of the school to review and approve each suggested inductee. The Faculty Council, along with the Adviser, then will decide on the final list of inductees. Students are then notified of the decision, via personal letter. If a student is not recommended for induction, the Faculty Council encourages the candidate to continue to develop themselves as a student and citizen, and to become a potential member again in the future.

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