**National Junior Honor Society Essay Question:**

**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 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 1-Your three character traits and supporting examples

-Paragraph 2-Connection to how these traits will benefit others as a 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 world.***