



Yale Junior High School

**Michigan Association of Junior
Honor Societies**

Application Packet

2016-2017



Membership in the MJHS is both an honor and a responsibility. Students selected for membership are expected to continue to demonstrate the qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, service, and citizenship that helped them gain their membership.

September 23, 2016

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in Yale Junior High School's Chapter of the Michigan Association Junior Honor Society (MJHS). Attached to this letter you will find information about MJHS selection criteria, membership obligations, and application materials: Application Form, Essay Guidelines and two Teacher Recommendation forms.



Please discuss your interest in MJHS with your parents. The individual service hours MJHS members must complete often require a commitment of time from parents as well as members; therefore, a parent signature is required on the application form.

Selection Criteria –

Membership in MJHS is not automatic upon application. Applications, essays, teacher recommendations, transcripts, and other school records for each applicant are reviewed and rated by the Yale Junior High School MJHS Faculty Council. The rating scale will take into account all five pillars of MJHS – Character, Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Citizenship. Be sure your application materials offer an accurate reflection of your accomplishments in each of these areas. All information will be held strictly confidential and the student will receive a letter with the application status.

- In order to be considered for membership, all application materials must be submitted to Mrs. Traub in room 127 by Friday, October 7, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Late applications will not be considered, so be sure to allow plenty of time to complete the process. Specifically, provide recommendation forms to your teachers at least 2-3 school days before the deadline.
- The Yale Junior High School MJHS Faculty Council will review all application materials and make recommendations for membership. You will receive your application status by Friday, October 14, 2016.
- Students who have been selected for membership will be invited to attend a MJHS meeting on Monday, October 17, 2015 and MJHS Induction Ceremony on Thursday, October 26, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Junior High Media Center.

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Michigan Association of Junior Honor Societies Membership Obligations

Membership in MJHS is an honor; in fact, to prove worthy of the honor, members of this state society must meet all of the following obligations:

1. **Character** – Members of MJHS strive to develop the following character traits: responsibility, respect, patience, courage, caring, integrity, self-control, cooperation, and perseverance.
2. **Scholarship** – As an Honor Society, we have high expectations for academic performance. MJHS members must maintain an “A” or “A-” average in all classes.
3. **Leadership** – Members of MJHS act as student leaders, providing a positive role model to other Yale Junior High School students.
4. **Service** – A Service Hour Log documenting time spent volunteering must be maintained by all MJHS members and submitted each marking period for verification.
 - a. **Chapter Service Projects** – All members must participate and promote the MJHS Group Service Projects. We will decide on a service project as a group.
 - b. **Individual Service Hours** – All members complete a total of **ten service hours each year.** This service may be completed through a church group, a scout group, a community volunteer effort, and/or opportunities offered at Yale Junior High School and others buildings throughout the district.
5. **Citizenship** - All members comply with school rules outlined in the Student Handbook. Office referrals, detentions, or suspensions for behavior issues are not acceptable for members of MJHS.

Further Obligations:

1. Meeting Attendance – Members are expected to attend all scheduled membership meetings. Members who cannot attend a scheduled meeting must provide a written excuse to the Mrs. Traub.

When membership obligations are not met:

Students who have been unable to fulfill obligations of our MJHS Chapter are notified in writing that they are on probationary status. Those on probation will have one academic marking period to demonstrate their ability and willingness to fulfill all obligations of membership in order to be considered a member in good standing. If they are unable to maintain membership obligations, the Yale Junior High School MJHS Faculty Council will hold a hearing to consider the student’s dismissal from the Chapter.

Resignation of Chapter Membership

Personal situations may change, and MJHS members could find themselves unable to fulfill the obligations of MJHS Membership. In this situation, members have the option of tendering a letter of resignation instead of facing a disciplinary hearing and/or dismissal from the Yale Junior High School MJHS Chapter. Members are urged to meet with Mrs. Traub if they feel their situation may warrant resignation from MJHS; Mrs. Traub will work with probationary members to find ways to remain in good standing.

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Yale Junior High School Michigan Association of Junior Honor Societies 2016-2017 Application Form

Directions: Please complete all sections of the application and essay. Write all responses neatly.

Completed forms must be turned in to Mrs. Traub in room 127 by Friday, October 7, 2016

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent Cell Numbers: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Next Steps:

- **Complete the back of this form and your essay response**
- **Select two Yale Junior High School teachers you have worked with in the past. Ask them to complete the Teacher Recommendation form on your behalf. Remember to write your name and the teacher's name on the top of the form before handing it to them.**
- **Before Friday, October 7 stop by room 127 and turn in your completed application and essay.**

I have read, understand, and am willing to fulfill the responsibilities expected of an MJHS member according to the Yale Junior High School's Michigan Junior Honor Society which includes, but is not limited to: **10 service hours per year, attending meetings, maintaining an "A" or "A-" average, and no major violations of the student conduct policy.**

Applicant's Signature: _____

I have read and understand the obligations of MJHS membership. I support my child's decision to apply for membership.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

If you have questions, please email Mrs. Traub (MJHS Adviser) at: ltraub@y-psd.us

Student Name: _____

Student Activity Information Sheet

1. **Scholarship:** List all honors and awards earned for academic excellence in the last two years. (You may include honor roll and your GPA)

Honor or Award	Date
Ex: Honor Roll	6 th Grade

2. **Co-Curricular Activities:** List all in-school and community activities in which you have participated in the past two years. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, major accomplishments, etc.

Activity	Accomplishments	Year
Ex: Writing Club	Sold Suckers during lunch	6 th Grade

3. **Leadership:** Neatly list all leadership experience you have had at school or in the community in the last two years. Include positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others. (Ex: elected positions in student government, club officer, scouting, youth group, team captain, etc.)

Leadership Role	Accomplishment	Year
Ex: 7 th Grade Student Council	Helped plan and support YJH Activities	7 th Grade

4. **Service:** Neatly list all in-school and community service activities in which you have participated in the last two years.

Service Activity, Organization and Location	Date	# of Hours
Ex: JAZ Tutoring	7 th Grade	1 hr/week

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Essay Question: Character and Citizenship

Think of three character traits you possess (Examples: 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 Michigan 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
 - Paragraphs 2 and 3 – Connection to how these traits will benefit others as a MJHS member
 - Paragraph 4 – Conclusion
- Please **type** your essay, **double-space**, in **12 point font**
- Please keep your essay to approximately **150-250 typed words** (this is about 1 to 1½ pages double spaced)
- Be **Creative!**
- Proofread! Use proper **grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling!**
- Make sure your **first and last name** 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.

MJHS Teacher Recommendation



Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

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Please place completed form in Mrs. Traub's mailbox by Friday, October 7, 2016. Thanks! ☺

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Scholarship This student demonstrates intrinsic motivation with regard to school work; he/she values learning and routinely performs at a high level of accomplishment.				
Leadership This student demonstrates useful leadership skills in the classroom environment. E.g. the ability to listen to multiple points of view, the ability to disagree respectfully, the ability to defuse potential conflicts, a willingness to take the initiative in planning				
Service This student displays a willingness to help out without expecting a tangible reward.				
Citizenship This student has good attendance records, participates willingly in group activities, and offers a good example of appropriate student behavior for others.				
Overall This student demonstrates the traits of a good MJHS member.				

Comments:

Teacher's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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