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Obligations of Membership of the
Hillel Academy of Tampa Chapter of the
National Junior Honor Society

Membership in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a middle school student. Our chapter has worked hard to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and the community. Our chapter strives to give practical meaning to the Society's standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. These five ideals are considered as the basis for selection and reflect Jewish Values that are deemed an important aspect of the Hillel Academy experience. No student is inducted simply because of a high academic average. The National Junior Honor Society strives to recognize the total student—one who excels in all of these areas. The standards used for selection are:

Scholarship: 3.0 cumulative average beginning in 6th Grade

Leadership, service, character, and citizenship: as demonstrated by activities and teacher evaluations

Membership, however, is more than an honor. It is an ongoing responsibility and an obligation to continue to demonstrate those outstanding qualities that result in a student's selection. Membership also carries a responsibility to the chapter. If our NJHS chapter is to be effective and meaningful, each member must become involved.

Members are expected to attend the induction ceremony and rehearsal each Fall, to attend monthly NJHS meetings (to be held during one lunch/recess time a month or after school), to participate in a group chapter service project, and to engage in at least 10 individual service hours. There is a \$10 Membership Fee for those selected. All membership fees go directly towards costs incurred for service projects (to be determined at membership meetings). It is encouraged that students pay from their own earnings in order for them to recognize the values of responsibility, commitment, and *Tzedakah*. **Members are expected to continue the NJHS standards for scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship, and service following acceptance into the chapter. Members are expected to act as role models both within and outside of school. In addition, members are expected to follow the guidelines and behavioral expectations as set forth in Hillel Academy of Tampa's code of conduct, which includes respectful language, dialogue, and treatment of others.**

We hope you will submit your Candidate Information Form so that the faculty council can evaluate your candidacy. Congratulations on your success thus far.

Education at its best guided by Jewish values