HALLOWES COVE ACADEMY

National Junior Honor Society

2026–27 Founding Candidate Packet

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Grade: _____

Candidate Packet Due: Friday, November 20, 2026

Receiving this packet means you have been identified as a potential candidate. Academic eligibility remains subject to verification using official school records. An invitation to apply does not guarantee selection for membership.

Important Candidate Information

☐ Complete every student portion of this packet by the published deadline.

☐ Respond honestly and thoroughly. The Faculty Council reviews the complete candidate record.

☐ Two confidential core-teacher recommendation/evaluation forms are required. These forms are submitted directly to the NJHS adviser(s) and are not returned to the student.

☐ The Faculty Council may review relevant school disciplinary records when evaluating character and citizenship.

☐ Candidates become members only after selection by the Faculty Council and formal induction.

Founding-Year Timeline

Date	Step
Oct. 28	Candidate process opens
Nov. 20	Candidate Packet due
Nov. 30–Dec. 11	Faculty Council review
Dec. 16	Selection/nonselection notifications
Jan. 6	Selected-candidate orientation / rehearsal
Jan. 13 or 14	Founding induction ceremony
Jan. 20	First official chapter meeting

SECTION 1: Candidate Information

Student Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Current Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Academic and Enrollment Verification

HCA will verify each candidate's minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale using official academic records. When HCA records are incomplete, official transcripts or other official academic records from a previous school may be used. There is no minimum duration of enrollment at HCA required for candidacy.

☐ I understand that HCA will verify my academic eligibility using official school records.

☐ If HCA does not have the complete academic record needed to determine cumulative GPA, I will provide an official transcript or other official academic record from my previous school.

Teacher Recommendation/Evaluation Forms

List two current core academic teachers who will complete the confidential recommendation/evaluation forms. The completed forms will be submitted directly to the NJHS adviser(s).

Core Teacher 1: _____

Subject: _____

Core Teacher 2: _____

Subject: _____

SECTION 2: Leadership and School Involvement

NJHS recognizes leadership in both formal and informal settings. Leadership may include holding an office, organizing or guiding others, taking initiative, being dependable, helping a group reach a goal, or setting a positive example.

Activity / Organization	Grade(s)	Role / Position	Leadership or Contribution

Leadership Reflection

Choose one example above, or another experience, and explain how you demonstrated leadership. Focus on what you did and the effect your actions had on others.

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SECTION 3: Service and Community Involvement

There is no minimum number of service hours required before candidacy. Use this section to describe ways you have helped your school, family, neighborhood, community, team, club, organization, or another person without receiving academic credit or payment.

Service / Contribution	Organization or Setting	Approx. Dates / Hours	What You Did

Service Reflection

Describe one service experience that was meaningful to you. Explain who benefited, what you contributed, and what you learned from the experience.

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SECTION 4: Character Reflection Essay

Prompt: Good character does not mean always making the perfect choice. Describe a time when you made a mistake, handled a situation poorly, or made a choice you later regretted. How did you take responsibility for your actions, and how has the experience influenced the choices you make now?

Essay Expectations

☐ Write about a specific personal experience.

☐ Explain the situation clearly enough for the Faculty Council to understand what happened.

☐ Focus on your own choices and actions rather than blaming others.

☐ Explain how you took responsibility, repaired the situation when possible, or changed your behavior.

☐ Show thoughtful reflection about what the experience taught you about character and future choices.

☐ Write in your own words.

Essay Response

SECTION 5: Candidate Commitment and Acknowledgment

If selected and inducted, HCA NJHS members are expected to continue meeting the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Member Expectations

☐ Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50.

☐ Attend regular chapter meetings and required chapter activities.

☐ Complete at least ten (10) individual service hours during the 2026–27 founding school year; the requirement is fifteen (15) hours per year beginning in 2027–28.

☐ Participate in chapter service projects.

☐ Demonstrate behavior consistent with the standards of character and citizenship expected of NJHS members.

☐ Pay chapter dues by the published deadline or communicate with the adviser(s) if a financial hardship exists.

☐ Follow all HCA NJHS bylaws and applicable school/district expectations.

Candidate Certification

By signing below, I certify that the information I provided in this Candidate Packet is accurate and reflects my own experiences. I understand that submission of a packet does not guarantee selection and that final selection is made by majority vote of the HCA NJHS Faculty Council.

Candidate Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment

I have reviewed this Candidate Packet and understand the HCA NJHS selection process and the expectations of membership. I understand that the Faculty Council may review teacher input and relevant school disciplinary records as part of its evaluation of character and citizenship.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submission Checklist

☐ Candidate Information completed

☐ Two current core teachers identified for confidential evaluations

☐ Leadership and school involvement section completed

☐ Service and community involvement section completed

☐ Character reflection essay completed

☐ Candidate and parent/guardian signatures completed

☐ Packet submitted by Friday, November 20, 2026