

# NCJLT JNHS CONSTITUTION (As of 12/16/08)

## ARTICLE I: NAME AND CLASSIFICATION

**Section 1.** The name of this organization is the Japanese National Honor Society (for Secondary school).

**Section 2.** Its purpose is to promote interest in Japanese and to recognize high achievement in Japanese by students of secondary schools.

**Section 3.** The organization is sponsored by the National Council of Japanese Language Teachers and is classified as a national educational society in the study of high school Japanese.

**Section 4.** Each unit of society located in a secondary school is a chapter of the national society. The name of the chapter shall be a Japanese name chosen by the chapter. The person in charge of the chapter is the chapter sponsor.

## ARTICLE II: QUALIFICATIONS OF SECONDARY SCHOOL AND SPONSORS

**Section 1.** All accredited public and non-public secondary schools are eligible to start a chapter.

**Section 2.** Chapter sponsors/co-sponsors must be members in good standing of the National Council of Japanese Language Teachers.

## ARTICLE III. QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.1** A JNHS student must be enrolled in and regularly attend a Japanese class in a public or private secondary school and must have completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of study of Japanese.

**Section 1-2.** A student who has maintained a 3.5 GPA in Japanese and 3.0 GPA overall is qualified.

**Section 2.** At the time of the application, the student is in a Japanese program at a public or private secondary school

**Section 3.** Should a student become ineligible, he/she will be placed on probation for a period of one term. During this probationary period, the student will be expected to participate in all of the society's activities, but he/she will not be allowed to vote or to hold office. The student has only one term to regain his/her eligibility.

## ARTICLE IV. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** Application for membership from a secondary school seeking a chapter is made on an official form provided by NCJLT and submitted along with the charter fee, student fees and a list of eligible students.

**Section 2.** The charter fee for membership is \$7.50.

**Section 3.** In order to become a member of the JNHS, the teacher must be an NCJLT member in good standing.

## ARTICLE V. DUES AND FEES

**Section 1.** No monthly or annual dues or assessments are charged schools affiliated with the Japanese National Honor Society.

**Section 2.** The student membership fee in the society payable at the time of the initiation is \$4.50 or as the National Council may designate. The certificates will not be sent out until the student fees have been received by the honor society chairperson.

**Section 3.** Failure of the Chapter Sponsor to remit students' membership fee to the honor society chairperson each school year automatically places the chapter on inactive status and may result in the withdrawal of the chapter, unless the sponsor notifies NCJLT that no students qualify for initiation during the participation of the school year.

## ARTICLE VI. INSIGNIA

**Section 1.** The seal of the Japanese National Honor Society is the seal of NCJLT.

**Section 2.** The colors of the Society are red and white.

## ARTICLE VII. PUBLICATIONS

**Section 1.** JNHS announcements will be published in the Oshirase, the official newsletter of NCJLT.

**Section 2.** Charters, membership certificates, and other printed forms are prepared by NCJLT.

The student Oath

Translation

I pledge to serve the Japanese National Honor Society as a bridge of international understanding between Japan and the United States. I will serve as an ambassador to promote friendship between Japan, the United States, and other countries. I will abide by the Honor Society's constitution and be a willing participant thereof.

