

SRMS NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- To be eligible to apply for membership in NJHS, a student must have a 7th grade GPA of 94% or better. In September of the 8th grade year, all students who met the minimum 7th grade GPA requirement are invited to the informational meeting regarding application for membership. At this meeting, the NJHS advisors review the entire application process and notify students of the due date.
- The applications completed and returned on time are scored by a faculty committee using a rubric. The scoring categories are as follows: 1. Leadership, 2. Community service, 3. Citizenship, 4. Character, 5. Scholarship. The specific requirements for each section are outlined in the scoring rubric, and the community service guidelines listed are below.
- In October, students who earn membership are notified and the NJHS Induction Ceremony is completed. From November to April, NJHS members participate in several activities and fundraisers. Fundraising money goes to support NJHS scholarships, charitable causes and school events. By April 1, members are required to accumulate 15 additional hours of community service to receive recognition at Academic Awards Night in May.

***Types of Community Service Activities/Organizations Accepted by SRMS NJHS**

(REMEMBER: Not all volunteer/unpaid work is considered community service.

We are specifically looking for unpaid work with organizations that directly benefit the community.)

Accepted community service includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Religious service projects (not religious education classes)
2. Volunteering at public libraries, hospitals, historical societies, soup kitchens, food banks, senior centers, nursing homes, or for mission or relief work, etc. (service at a private business of any type is not accepted)
3. Organized walk-a-thons, i.e., American Cancer Society
4. First Aid / Fire Departments, including EMT training/Police Explorer
5. Girl Scouts / Boy Scouts – community events only for which no advancement is gained (not meetings)
6. Habitat for Humanity
7. Sports camps – volunteer service only
8. Community days
9. Any other community service approved by SRMS NJHS Advisors

Types of volunteer work that are NOT considered community service by the NJHS Faculty Council:

1. Service at a family owned business
2. Service at a private business of any type (doctor's office, law firm, real estate agency, dance studio, etc.)
3. Private babysitting (paid or unpaid)
4. Helping a neighbor (outside of an established organization)
5. Work with an organization where volunteering is a requirement for your membership (or someone else's – i.e. siblings, etc.) Example: "pay to play" athletic leagues
6. Internships (considered personal development, not community service)
7. If you received any pay or benefits for your work, it is NOT considered volunteer work. Examples: a gym membership for teaching a kids class; a free enrollment to a sport for coaching younger children

Ask in advance - be certain your service and volunteer work meets these guidelines.

If you have any questions or do not see your volunteer or service activity listed, email Mrs. Shaw (ashaw@srsd.net) or Mrs. Stockhoff (Istockhoff@srsd.net) for confirmation.