

SRMS NJHS 2026-27 Application Scoring Rubric - Minimum 1 point in EACH pillar and a TOTAL of 13 points.

Pillar 1: Scholarship 94% or higher 7 th grade GPA	Pillar 2: LEADERSHIP Demonstrating positive influence and involvement through positions in which student was responsible for directing or motivating others: formal leadership positions include elected or appointed club officer, team captain, editor, STYLE, etc. *Informal leadership documented with SRMS teacher/advisor/coach is also considered (See Informal Leadership Confirmation Form)	Pillar 3: SERVICE Activities that are done for or on behalf of others (not including family members) for which no compensation -monetary or otherwise- was provided *See SRMS NJHS "Membership Requirements Page" for examples of volunteer work accepted as community service	Pillar 4: CITIZENSHIP Participation in school and community organizations which demonstrates the importance of civic involvement; student demonstrates mature participation and responsibility *Activities in the service and citizenship pillars must differ from each other.	Pillar 5A: CHARACTER (PERSONAL STATEMENT) A well-written paragraph that answers the question thoroughly and provides additional insights into the student's demonstration of and commitment to NJHS pillars	Pillar 5B: CHARACTER (TEACHER SURVEY) Demonstrates the following six qualities: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship (Assessed based on faculty input) *No student action/submission required
This pillar has been achieved by all who receive an invitation to apply for NJHS membership. No further documentation is required.	3 Two or more formal leadership positions	3 Three or more community service activities documented	3 Actively involved in three or more school activities AND one or more community organization(s) which promote citizenship	3 Thoughtful, succinct, and adds to overall impression of the student; generally free of writing errors and neatly typed or handwritten	3 Teacher survey - Recommend with enthusiasm
	2 At least one formal leadership position <u>OR</u> Two "Informal Leadership Confirmation Forms" from SRMS teachers/advisors/ coaches (forms attached)	2 Two community service activities documented	2 Actively involved in two school activities AND one community organization which promote citizenship	2 Gives helpful information about the student; there are a few writing errors but neatly typed or handwritten	2 Teacher survey - Recommend with minor reservation
	1 At least one Informal Leadership Confirmation Form* from an SRMS teacher/advisor/ coach <u>OR</u> at least one award *Form attached	1 One community service activity documented	1 Actively involved in one school activity OR one community organization which promotes citizenship	1 Tends to repeat, rather than add additional information or insight; there are several writing errors but still neatly typed or handwritten	1 Teacher survey - recommendation with multiple reservations
	0 No evidence provided of formal or informal leadership recognition or award	0 No community service experience documented	0 No documentation of participation in either a school activity or community organization that promotes citizenship	0 No personal statement submitted	0 Teacher survey - Unable to recommend