

SRMS NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- In order to be eligible to apply for membership in NJHS, a student must have a 7th grade GPA of 94% or better. In October 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: school activities, outside activities, leadership positions, community service, awards, writing sample and staff survey. The scoring rubric and community service guidelines may be viewed at SRSD.NET (click “Schools,” then “Middle School” and it will be listed under the “Important Information” section).
- In November, students who earn membership are notified and the NJHS Induction Ceremony is completed. From December to March, 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 hours of community service in order to receive recognition at Academic Awards Night.

***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 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS and those that directly benefit the community.)

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

1. Religious service projects (not religious education classes)
2. Volunteering at SOCH, public libraries, historical societies, soup kitchens, food banks, senior centers, etc. (service at a private business of any type is not accepted)
3. Organized walk-a-thons
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. American Cancer Society
10. Tutoring
11. Mission / relief work projects
12. 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, gym, 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 or someone else’s (ex. – little brother’s) membership; Example: “pay to play” athletic leagues
6. Internships (personal development, not community service)
7. Political campaigns
8. 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 young children

Please contact an advisor if you have any questions about acceptable community service.

Ask now to avoid disappointment later!

SRMS NJHS Applicant Scoring Rubric

Must have at least 1 point in EACH pillar and a MINIMUM of 13 points for NJHS selection.

PILLARS:

LEADERSHIP	SERVICE	CHARACTER	CITIZENSHIP	PERSONAL STATEMENT
Positions in which student was responsible for directing or motivating others: formal leadership positions include elected officer for student body, class, or club; team captain, work area manager, community leader; Informal leadership documented with SRMS teacher/advisor/coach is also considered	Activities that are done for or on behalf of others (not including family members) for which no compensation-monetary or otherwise-was provided; See list that follows rubric for examples of volunteer work accepted as community service(*see next page)	Demonstrates the following six qualities: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship	Participation in school and community organizations which demonstrates the importance of civic involvement and makes student demonstrate mature participation and responsibility	A well-written typed paragraph that answers the question thoroughly and provides additional insights into the student's demonstration of and commitment to NJHS pillars
3 Two or more formal leadership positions or awards	3 More than two community service activities	3 Has no negative behavior referrals and has received a teacher survey vote of YES	3 Actively involved in three school activities AND one or more community activities which promote citizenship	3 Thoughtful, succinct, and adds to overall impression of the student; free of errors and neatly typed
2 At least one formal leadership position or award <u>OR</u> Two confirmation forms* from SRMS teachers/advisors/coaches of informal leadership within a class/club/team *Form attached	2 At least two community service activities	2 Has no negative behavior referrals and has received a teacher survey vote of YES, with reservation	2 Actively involved in two school activities AND one community organization which promotes citizenship	2 Gives helpful information about the student; there are a few errors but neatly typed
1 Has at least one confirmation form* from SRMS teacher/advisor/coach of informal leadership within the class/club/team *Form attached	1 Has participated in a community service activity	1 Has one negative behavioral referral and received a teacher survey vote of YES, with reservation	1 Actively involved in one school activity AND one community organization which promotes citizenship	1 Tends to repeat, rather than add additional information or insight; grammatical and/or typographical errors
0 Has no formal or informal leadership recognition, experience or awards	0 Has no community service experience	0 Has multiple negative behavioral referrals <u>OR</u> has received a teacher survey vote of NO	0 Has not participated in both a community and school activity that promotes citizenship	0 Does not add to the overall impression of the student; appears hastily put together with multiple errors