



Somers Middle School National Junior Honor Society Application Directions 2023-2024



Dear Prospective Candidate,

If you wish to access the National Jr. Honor Society Application, you MUST join the NJHS Schoology course for your grade level. Only students may join the NJHS Schoology courses! Use the codes below. You will be let into the course within 72 hours of your request.

6th Grade- 3MN5-6W56-C6WWD

7th Grade- GPFD-G7XB-9MV4P

8th Grade- BQQP-XG9N-BV3TR

*****The request to join MUST be received no later than March 1st*****

The information below describes National Junior Honor Society and gives directions for applying to the SMS chapter. NJHS is based on 5 pillars which align directly with our school's mission, as an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme school. The NJHS pillars are Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Citizenship, and Character. There are multiple direct connections between NJHS and MYP, as both are designed to help students like you to develop into responsible and caring global citizens and leaders within the community. This application gives you the opportunity to be thoughtful and reflect on how you meet those requirements.

Eligibility to Apply is based on the current year AND the prior year (for 7th and 8th graders).

- ❖ **6th graders – You need to reflect on how your first year at SMS is going.**
- ❖ **7th graders – You need to reflect on both your 6th grade and current 7th grade years.**
- ❖ **8th graders – You need to reflect on both your 7th grade and current 8th grade years.**
 - SCHOLARSHIP- You must demonstrate high scholarship by achieving an overall weighted GPA of **90.0** or higher. For last year, this is a final overall weighted GPA of **90.0** or higher. For this year, it will be your average for trimesters 1 and 2. **Any GPA that falls below a 90.0 will not be considered and will not be rounded up.**
 - BEHAVIOR- Behaviors that do not follow the SMS Code of Conduct and academic honesty policy are reviewed. Any behavior of level 3 or 4, at any time during the current AND prior school year, may result in automatic denial of membership. Other behavior infractions can also result in denial of membership. Reflection of an incident from the prior year can be made within the application and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
 - ATTENDANCE- Attendance is an integral part of demonstrating scholarship, citizenship, and character. NJHS members are expected to be present in class and take an active role in their own learning. To meet this requirement, candidates must have less than 15 absences in each of the current AND prior school years, except under extenuating circumstances (to be reviewed by the NJHS advisory committee).
 - Chronic lateness/early dismissals count towards the attendance requirement and are equivalent to a half day absence.
 - SERVICE- You will need to provide a list of your service hours, complete with a supervisor's contact information. Service includes organizations, projects, charities, etc. for which you have given your time for no personal gain. Please see the page entitled "Directions Specific to Service Hours" for additional information.

Please be aware that all accepted applicants pledge to continue to exhibit the qualities expected of an NJHS member. We welcome those who pursue excellence and strive to be leaders in our school and community. We wish you all the best in the application process. Please continue to read the directions included in the next two pages.

The application deadline is Friday, March 15, 2024@ 5pm.
If your application is not electronically turned in by the deadline,
you will not be considered for membership this year.

Sincerely,
Jenna Schettino and Monica Manko
SMS NJHS Advisors

Application Deadline is Friday, March 15, 2024 at 5pm.

SMS NJHS Application Directions

1. Request to join the NJHS Schoology Course no later than March 1st!

2. Be sure to request to join the Schoology course for YOUR GRADE LEVEL.

(please be patient as entry to the course requires advisor approval).

Only students may join the NJHS Schoology course!

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3. Download the application and rename the document by adding your name to it.

NJHS Application 2023-24-first name last name

An example would be: NJHS Application 2023-24- John Smith

4. *SAVE* your newly named application document to YOUR OneDrive!

5. Please TYPE to complete ALL sections. Pay attention to details and directions.

*****Make sure AutoSave is on and that you are working on the document that you added your name to (see step #3)*

6. Please read and confirm that you have completed ALL the parts of the application by adding your name to the Student Declaration.

7. Please have your parents read and confirm that you have completed your application by adding their name to the Parent Declaration.

8. Submit your application electronically by uploading the correct, completed document by 5:00pm Friday, March 15th, 2024, through the Grade-Level NJHS Schoology course.

****Completion and submission of the application does not guarantee membership.*

Dates to Keep in Mind:

- **March 1, 2024- LAST DAY to request to join the NJHS Schoology course**
(you cannot apply for membership if you do not join the NJHS Schoology course for your grade)

- **March 15, 2024 - Application Deadline @ 5pm**

NO EXCEPTIONS

- Early May- Letters of acceptance/denial are sent to prospective members
 - Mid-May there will be a Mandatory Ceremony Rehearsal for each grade level during WIN- dates will be announced
 - May 23, 2023 – 6th grade Induction Ceremony @ SMS @ 6:00 pm
 - May 23, 2023 – 7th grade Induction Ceremony @ SMS @ 7:15 pm
 - May 29, 2023 – 8th grade Induction Ceremony @ SMS @ 6:00pm
- Ceremonies run approx. 45 minutes in length.*

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Directions Specific to SERVICE HOURS



**Service hours must be performed between March 18, 2023- March 15, 2024.
A minimum of 15 hours are needed to apply.**

Community service is the idea of giving your efforts **willingly and free of charge to an individual or organization that benefits from your help.**

- Community service is not doing our chores (*that is being part of being a family*) nor is it helping a business make a profit.
- Community service means that you are helping those without the resources to help themselves, or you are helping a non-profit agency.

What are some examples of community service that I may perform?

- Volunteering for a non-profit organization
- Setting up/cleaning up after church/school/community events
- Neighborhood clean-up
- Charity assistance
- Help at food pantry
- Child care services (such as free babysitting at a community event)

What are some examples of things that would NOT be considered service?

- Doing jobs for your family
- Helping at a FOR PROFIT business
- Participating in a school activity unless it is specifically a service activity
- Receiving payment for your work
- Babysitting
- Completing the MYP community project (this is part of your graduation requirement, therefore not applicable)

*****There is a separate document within the NJHS Schoology course that provides lots of suggestions to help you find community service opportunities.**

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