



GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

1. To be eligible for membership a student must be in grade 8 or 9.
2. A student will be invited to apply for membership if they have achieved a 3.75 cumulative weighted average and have attended Ursuline for the equivalent of one semester.
 - 8th grade candidates must attain the 3.75 cumulative average for grades 7 – 8 (if they attended Ursuline in grade 7) or for 8th grade (if they came to Ursuline in the 8th grade) after the 1st semester.
 - A student entering Ursuline in 9th grade must achieve the criteria by the end of the first semester of the current academic year. Students that have attended TUS middle school also have an opportunity to be considered in 9th grade after the completion of the 1st semester.

See attached NJHS pillars below

**** 3.** Candidates are expected to participate in a community service volunteer activity for a minimum of 20 hours, covering the period January through December of the previous academic year. It is expected that participation in a community service volunteer activity is ongoing. Service hours performed by academically qualified students in the eighth grade, that were completed in order to fulfill Confirmation requirements, may only count for 10 of the 20 hours minimum requirement. Service is defined as quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit. Service hours do not include favors and under no circumstance do hours count as service if you help someone make money or you benefit even if you are not getting paid. Service should not be for family members.

4. Candidates must also demonstrate leadership qualities, participate in school activities, show concern and respect for others, and observe school regulations. Any

form of academic or other dishonesty is an impediment to membership in the honor society.

5. Each student who qualifies academically for the National Junior Honor Society will be asked to complete a form about the candidate's character, leadership and participation in community service and school activities. Documentation of all activities and service, both in and outside of school, is required with an appropriate signature by a group leader verifying hours. The service documentation **MUST** be recorded on **X2Vol**, which is Ursuline's Service Documentation program. The activities can be documented with the activity verification form that can be downloaded from the NJHS page or Parent Portal link. The student's application is reviewed and voted on by a committee of faculty members, not including the chapter moderator.

6. The academic performance of inducted NJHS members is checked first semester. If the weighted average falls below 3.75, the member will receive notice of probation.

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