

SSA + S National Junior Honor Society Application for the 2016-2017 school year

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The National Honor Society (NHS) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) are the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding high school and middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NHS and NJHS serve to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, and CHARACTER (and CITIZENSHIP for NJHS). These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since their beginning in 1921 and 1929.

Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in activities of the NHS and NJHS. NHS and NJHS chapters are found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. Territories and Canada.

Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

The National Junior Honor Society was established in 1998 at SSA +S

MOTTO: Light is the symbol of truth.

COLORS: Blue & white

FLOWER: White rose

Application Packet Due September 2nd, 2016

- Application
- Recommendation letter from a previous teacher.
- "Commitment to serve" form
- One page essay (typed) stating why you should be a member of the NJHS

Mandatory Events

Bi-weekly meetings after school until 5:15

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| • September 12/26 | • December 12 | • March 03/20 |
| • October 10/31 | • January 23 | • April 10/24 |
| • November 14/28 | • February 6/27 | • May 8/22 |

Induction Ceremony on September 26th @6:30

Set-up for the 8th grade semi-formal dance *will be sometime in December*

Set-up for the 6th-8th grade spring dance *will be sometime in March*

Relay for Life *tentative date in April

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The NJHS is open to current 7th and 8th grade students at SSA + S. Returning members must also submit an application.

Recommendations for consideration and continuation of membership:

I. Involvement

- a. ALL MEMBERS are required to attend an induction ceremony and other outlined dates.
- b. Members must attend all NJHS club meetings
 - i. Meetings are held on every other ##date## of every month after school from 4:15 until 5:15
- c. **Members must pay an annual fee for membership.**
 - i. **New members: \$25 Returning members: \$20**

II. Scholarship:

- a. Placement in advanced courses
- b. 3.5 GPA or higher for the previous school year

III. Character

- a. Minimal amount of school disciplinary infractions (i.e. behavior essays, detentions, referrals.)

IV. Service.

Members will ...

a. Participate and complete at least 5 hours of school service per quarter (including mentoring, picking up the cafeteria, assisting a teacher, staff, or administrator)

b. Participate and complete 5 hours of community service per quarter. **See attached "Commitment to Serve" form.

- Documentation from leader required for rendering services.
- Parents and family members cannot fill this out, it must come from a member of the community.
- Salvation army, neighborhood lawn, pet, babysitting services

V. Leadership

Members will ...

a. Demonstrate initiative in promoting school activities

- Activities after school sponsored by the school
- Activities after school outside school participation
- Leader in the classroom, at work, and in other school or community activities

b. Exercise positive influences on peers in upholding school ideals

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- c. Participate by attending school sports programs
- d. Speak with respect concerning the school, teachers and students
- e. Inspire positive behavior in others
- f. Demonstrate positive behaviors in classroom and outside
- g. Carry no detentions and/or in-school suspensions
- h. Complete homework assignments on time and accurately
- i. Take pride in school work by handing work in neatly and precisely
- j. Exhibit academic excellence
- k. Be present during school hours and demonstrates self control.
- l. Attend monthly meetings and events.

VI. Citizenship

- a. members will have high regard for freedom and justice and respect of the American form of government.



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Detach and return to Ms. Gourley. Room 204

Acceptance letters will be given out on September 6th. Payments will be due by September 9th.

Student Name _____

Current grade (circle one) 7th 8th

Homeroom teacher _____

Cumulative GPA for the 2015-2016 school year _____

Are you enrolled in any advanced courses this school year? If so, what courses?

Did you receive any detentions during the 2015-2016 school year? If so, what teacher and what happened?

Are you able to complete at least 5 hours community service per quarter outside of school within the community, outside of your family?

Yes _____ No _____

Are you able to complete at least 5 school hours per quarter at Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences?

Yes _____ No _____

I am able to represent the school in a positive manner - showing others pride in myself, academics, and the society in which I live, and I am accepting of everyone.

Yes _____ No _____

I verify and hold true that everything is correct and honest to the best of my abilities. I understand that completing this application does not guarantee acceptance into the National Junior Honor Society. It is a privilege to be honored to be in this organization.

Student Signature _____

Parent Section

By signing this page I understand and I agree to the above conditions. I also realize that picking my child up on time is non-negotiable. 2 late pick-ups will result in dismissal from the club.

Parent Signature: _____

Cell / Home Phone: _____

**Is your child permitted to walk home/to the library/ to an off campus location after our club meetings?
Circle: Yes or No**

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Commitment to serve form

The National Junior Honor Society has a strong foundation in community service. This form is an agreement between the student and volunteer organization/community member stating that the following potential NJHS member may earn volunteer hours under your supervision. Our NJHS members must complete 5 out-of-school hours of volunteer service every grading quarter.

Student Name: _____

Volunteer Organization/Community Member: _____

Student: I commit to earning 5 out-of-school volunteer hours per grading quarter. I understand that failing to complete these hours may result in dismissal from the club.

Student signature _____

Volunteer Organization/Community Member: I commit to supervising _____ (Student Name) as they earn their hours to meet their community service obligation.

Volunteer/Community member signature _____