

**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 she has achieved a 3.75 cumulative weighted average and has 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 who have attended TUS middle school also have an opportunity to be considered in 9th grade after the completion of the 1st semester.
- ** 3. Candidates are expected to participate in community service volunteer activities for a minimum of 20 hours between January and 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 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 cannot 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 her 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 moderators.

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

NJHS pillars:

Scholarship	Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher to meet the scholarship requirement for membership.
Service	This 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. This may be through participation in both in-school and out-of-school opportunities, including but not limited to: teacher helpers, local food banks, animal shelters, etc.
Leadership	Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.
Citizenship	The student who demonstrates citizenship understands the importance of civic involvement, has a high regard for freedom, justice, and democracy, and demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs.
Character	The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.

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