

2023-2024

SJVS

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Advisor's Note

As Mahatma Gandhi observed, "the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." By becoming a member of National Honor Society, you are joining a prestigious organization that began in 1921. By representing St. Johns Virtual School, not only will you have the opportunity to participate in service activities, you will also grow as a student. This year we will be working together to represent our school, and embody the pillars that uphold the National Honor Society:

- Scholarship
- Service
- Character
- Leadership

Each of these areas is a building blocks for you. As a member, our wish is for you to develop and grow. We hope that you will strive to uphold these values and be strengthened and empowered by them. It is our goal to provide you with these opportunities. We are looking forward to a wonderful year.

**SINCERELY,
DR. RACHEL NAGEL
MS. STEPHANIE WILLIAMS
SJVS NHS ADVISORS**

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

➔ Scholarship

At St. Johns Virtual School, students must have an unweighted **cumulative GPA** of 3.5 or higher.

➔ Grade Level

Membership is open to 10 through 12 grade students.

However, prospective students must be a student at SJVS for at least one semester before induction. This is why induction is conducted in the Spring semester.

➔ Service

Students should submit any service hours or projects that they have participated in the past in order to be considered. Service hours are required to remain a member of NHS.

➔ Leadership

Students should exemplify qualities of a good leader. Some examples are honesty, empathy, humility, resilience, vision, integrity, and positivity.



BECOMING A MEMBER

1. As the first step in the process, students' academic records are reviewed to determine those who are **SCHOLASTICALLY ELIGIBLE** for membership. At St. Johns Virtual School, students must have an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
2. Students will then be sent an email containing the **Candidate Application Form** which outlines each candidate's accomplishments in the areas of service and leadership.
3. Candidates will also need to submit a **Teacher Recommendation Form** that will be taken into consideration when determining their membership.
4. A faculty panel will then review the submitted and completed Candidate Information Forms. The service, leadership, and character of all candidates will be reviewed carefully and deliberately with an understanding of all information presented.
5. Candidates receiving a **majority vote of the faculty panel** will be invited for induction into the St. Johns Virtual chapter.
6. Both selected students, as well as those not selected, will be informed via email. A **formal written invitation** to join the SJVS NHS chapter will be sent via email. Students are required to **verify their acceptance** of membership and attendance at the induction ceremony in writing.

MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS



Induction

Article VIII, section 4, indicates that all members must be inducted at a special ceremony to become active members of the chapter. A student remains a "successfully selected candidate" until he or she participates in this ceremony.



Dues.

Membership dues are \$20, cash or a check is accepted. Checks must be made out to SJVS-NHS and can be dropped off at the office or mailed to the school address, Attn; Whitney Hitchcock
2023-24 Due Date: Oct. 31st
New Members Inducted: March 31st



Maintaining Chapter Standards.

Once selected, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected. This means members must be well informed about selection standards, as published, and are subject to regular review by the chapter adviser.



Meetings.

We will hold our meetings the once a month, both virtually and in person. Students should miss no more than 2 meetings or they should show proof of watching the recording.

Chapter Service Project.

All chapters are required to sponsor at least one chapter service project where all members are required to participate. If unable to participate, they will need to add 3 document 3 additional hours of service to their yearly log.



Individual Service Projects.

In addition to the Chapter Service Project, members must report 10 service hours per year.

[Hours Form](#)



Induction Ceremony



A RECOGNITION OF
EXCELLENCE

The National Honors Society (NHS) is an organization that recognizes outstanding high school students. It serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

At St. Johns Virtual School, we have been inducting members since 2013. Our induction ceremony indicates the continuing emphasis on excellence that we represent for our school and community.

Induction ceremonies are a requirement for membership. They will be held in person on campus in February 20, 2024.

Why Volunteer?



There will be a Chapter wide Service Project that members are required to participate in.

In addition to the yearly chapter service project, section 4 of Article XIV speaks of each member's responsibility to engage in a service project developed from his or her own particular talents and interests.

So what are some of the benefits of volunteering?

1. Volunteers make a BIG difference.
2. The Need is Great.
3. It's good for your soul boosting your physical and mental health.
4. It builds relationships.
5. Helps you gain experience.
6. Great for your resume.
7. Brings people together.
8. Promotes personal growth and self-esteem.
9. Strengthens the community.
10. You learn a lot!

NHS members are required to report at least 10 hours of service per year.



REPORTING SERVICE HOURS

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

-Mahatma Gandhi

At each monthly meeting, there will be different service hour opportunities and project suggestions. NHS Members are required to report a total of 10 service hours for the school year. In order to track those hours, students will need to complete the service hour forms.

[Report Hours Here](#)

At the end of the year, documented hours will be sent to Guidance on your behalf to go towards Bright Futures or other award opportunities. Feel free to track more than 10 hours if you'd like. This can help you become eligible for various awards and scholarships.



NHS Meetings

MONTHLY SESSIONS

Every month the St. Johns Virtual Chapter of the National Honors Society will meet in person and virtually via an online Zoom call. Link for the call will be emailed out as well as monthly reminders. Each meeting will also be recorded. If an NHS member is unable to attend the live session, they will need to prove that they watched the recording in order to have their attendance counted. NHS members are only allowed 2 absences in one school year before their membership is put on a probationary status.