

The WSMS NJHS Application and Selection Process



All applications must be turned in by the assigned due date; *late applications will not be accepted regardless of circumstances. Exceptions will not be made.*

A panel of five faculty members will review the applications which will be void of any identifying student information. Panel members will rate each application (see the categories and point values below). ***Sponsors do not review the applications and cannot/ will not give information regarding individual improvement strategies based on applications. Unfortunately, information from the Faculty Council regarding selection or non-selection will not be available. The ratings are final as are the outcomes. Due to the large number of students who qualify to apply, exceptions cannot be made.***

The sections on the application are as follows:

- **Scholarship-** 7th grade first semester core class grades
- **Leadership-** *List all school-related activities.* Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and major accomplishments in each. Please note also if you were in a leadership position (officer, captain, etc.).
- **Character-** *List below any honors or recognition that you have received that would describe to the Council your honor and character.* This may include: student of the month, perfect attendance, community awards, extracurricular activity awards, sport/organization awards, etc. Do NOT include honor roll.
- **Service-** *This section is worth twice as many points as the other sections. Service is a top priority of NJHS.* List service activities in which you have participated. These activities can take place in or out of school. Generally speaking, a service activity is one that is done on behalf of or for others without receiving anything in return.
- **Citizenship-** *List all NON school-related activities.* Include scouts, teams, groups, etc., and major accomplishments in each. Please note also if you were in a leadership position (officer, captain, lead, etc.).
- **Personal Statement-** Please answer the following prompt in no more than 4 sentences. Prompt: What does leadership mean to you?

The Faculty Council considers the overall application and rates based on four categories:

- **Co-curricular Activities-** worth up to 5 points
- **Service Activities-** worth up to 10 points
- **Recognition and Awards-** worth up to 5 points
- **Written Statement-** worth up to 5 points

Outcome letters will be mailed to students after the panel has completed its application reviews and the scores are averaged. *Up to* the top fifty applicants will be accepted. If there is a tie in the

averages at that cut-off point the adviser will meet with an administrator.

Please note: While we would truly love to accept each applicant, and each is obviously highly qualified to apply in the first place since they qualified based on academics, activities, service, and character, we cannot do so.

Due to the large number of successful students in our school, the application process is highly competitive, and the cut-off criteria is strict. The number of students who qualify and apply varies from year to year, as does the criteria each student presents in their application. No two years are alike and therefore shouldn't be compared.

Please refer to the Notification of Consideration for Membership page or the Application Cover Page for specific due dates.