

Ronald McDonald House Charities Junior Board

General Information

In an effort to promote leadership, community awareness and philanthropy in our local youth; Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charleston, SC has formed the **RMHC Junior Board**, now entering its third year. Eligible applicants will be students entering their junior or senior year of high school and will be actively enrolled in any local public or private school in the Charleston area. Homeschooled students are also encouraged to participate.

Ronald McDonald House Charities wishes to help build a strong community through enriching leadership, business, negotiation, creativity, problem solving, community service, community awareness, and philanthropy in the future leaders of the Greater Charleston Area. Applicants should possess some level of skill in these areas and the desire to further improve those skills.

The RMHC Junior Board will provide students with the opportunity to refine their leadership skills while concentrating on ways to build philanthropy in the Greater Charleston area. This will be accomplished through leadership and team-building activities as well as through philanthropic projects for RMHC. Students who are selected to serve on the Junior Board will be eligible for Higher Education Scholarship monies at the completion of their term on the RMHC Board.

Selection Criteria

-RMHC Junior Board Committee will select members based on applications submitted and recommendation letters from guidance counselors.

-Candidates should possess creativity and leadership qualities, have an interest in philanthropy, have a history of volunteering and/or other community service, and be able to work for the greater good as part of a team to better the community. Their behavior should be in good standing in their respective school, as well as in the community.

-Candidates should be outgoing, friendly, and able to positively represent their respective school as well as RMHC in the community. Public speaking and presentation skills are a plus.

Meeting Schedule

The remainder of the Board meetings will generally be held on the **second Thursday of each month at 4:00 pm**, and will last approximately an hour and a half. Meetings will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Building or other designated location.

Attendance

Junior Board members are required to attend the mandatory orientation retreat. Members are expected to attend all other meetings, functions, and events held during their term on the Board. A 90% attendance rate is expected. Board members are required to notify RMHC of any conflicts in scheduling in advance. Board members will be responsible for providing their own transportation.

Scholarship Requirements

To be eligible to apply for the RMHC Junior Board Scholarship, candidates must be accepted into the RMHC Junior Board Scholarship Program and have completed the full program.

The following merits will be used to award RMHC Junior Board Scholarships:

- Program Attendance
- RMHC Volunteer Hours
- Level of community and school involvement in RMHC programs
- Community project
- Quantity and Quality of community and individual school involvement in RMHC programs/community project
- Success of RMHC programs/community project within individual schools and the community
- Essay on RMHC Junior Board experience
- Vote of fellow RMHC Junior Board Members
- *Essay is a requirement for scholarship consideration

Scholarships will be awarded in May of 2010 for the 2009-2010 School Year in the following amounts: (Amounts may be adjusted by Scholarship Committee as deemed necessary.)

- Leadership \$1000.00
- Visionary \$750.00
- Pacesetter \$500.00