

2024-2025 Junior Board Bylaws

We, the members of The Junior Board at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charleston are a leadership group comprised of rising juniors and seniors who serve as ambassadors of the House in our school and community. We adopt and abide by these bylaws effective September 16, 2024. These bylaws will guide us to uphold the mission of the House. Members will be held to the highest Social, Academic, and Philanthropic goals as set forth in the bylaws of The Junior Board.

ARTICLE I – IDENTIFICATION

Section (1) This organization shall be known as the Junior Board. Abbreviated as (JB).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section (1) the Junior Board (JB) is a group of determined high school juniors and seniors with the collective goal to empower the mission of RMHC through service. The pillars of the board are Leadership, Fundraising, Community Awareness and Advocacy. Members are selected to serve as stewards of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charleston. Members will gain leadership, fundraising, and personal development experience. Additionally, members will serve as ambassadors in area schools and the community.

ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES

Section (1) Serve as community ambassadors for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charleston in local schools and communities.

Section (2) Create and execute a fundraising event as a group of 4-5 members of the JB. Ideas and plans for fundraising events must be submitted to RMHC Advisors by November 18, 2024, for approval.

Section (3) Promote conduct that is consistent with good morals and good taste.

Section (4) Ensure that the activities of the Teen Volunteer Board are in accord with the mission and vision of RMHC.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section (1) Membership is open to all Junior and Senior high school students in any public, charter, magnet, private, online, home, and learning pods during the upcoming academic year.

Section (2) Members shall attend and depart from meetings/events in a safe and reliable manner.

Section (3) Members shall maintain a good standing at school.

Section (4) The JB students will be chosen based on prior leadership and service experience by a committee of RMHC OF CHARLESTON volunteers and staff. Application materials and interviews will be used to select JB members. Returning members are not guaranteed membership on future boards.

ARTICLE V – STANDING RULES

Section (1) Members shall acknowledge that there is a No Drug or Alcohol Use policy. Additionally, no profanity or inappropriate behavior will be tolerated.

Section (2) Members are expected to attend ALL mandatory service activities and meetings as specified on the JB calendar. Members must email maddie@rmhcharleston.org when missing an activity or meeting under special circumstances.

Section (3) Members shall treat RMHC staff, guest families, volunteers, and fellow JB members with respect and courtesy. Members shall always exhibit appropriate behavior - no foul language, texting, or other distracting and inappropriate behaviors. Inappropriate behavior may result in dismissal from the board.

Section (4) Members are expected to wear appropriate clothing to all JB meetings, events, and service activities—clothing should provide appropriate body coverage and bare no offensive images or language.

Section (5) Members shall complete assigned tasks in a timely manner and support their fellow JB members with their assignments.

ARTICLE VI – DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Section (1) Any member who violates the by-laws, standing rules, or other regulations of this board shall be subject to disciplinary action or dismissal. Additionally, the member will not be eligible to return to JB for the following season (if applicable).

ARTICLE VII – ADVISOR

Section (1) The Executive Board shall have at least ONE program Advisor who is a staff member of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charleston. The advisor shall provide direction to the board as needed and serve as an advocate for the board.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section (1) The JB will meet on the third Monday of every other month at 4:30pm-6:00pm from September through April except for holidays, house conflicts, and schedule adjustments. Every other month will consist of a project for select JB members.

Section (2) Each member commits to attend JB signature events outside of regular meeting times.

ARTICLE IX – FUNDS

Section (1) The funds of this board shall be accrued by fundraisers, and by such other means, as the board shall determine.

Section (2) The funds shall be managed by the Advisor.

ARTICLE X – SCHOLARSHIPS

Section (1) 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.

Section (2) The following merits will be used to award RMHC Junior Board Scholarships: Program Attendance and Participation, Support of RMHC Mission, Demonstrated Leadership Skills, RMHC Volunteer Hours, Group Fundraising Project, School and/or Community Involvement in Fundraising Project, Essay Describing RMHC Junior Board Experience.

Section (3) Scholarships will be awarded in the following amounts: Leadership (\$1,000), Visionary (\$750), Pacesetter (\$500). Amounts may be adjusted by the Scholarship Committee as deemed necessary. Only one scholarship per category is available.

Section (4) Scholarships will be awarded on May 19, 2025, at the 2024-2025 Junior Board Awards Banquet.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

Section (1) The membership, whenever 2/3 shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this constitution.

Section (2) All proposals for amendment must be made at a regular meeting of this board and submitted to the Executive Board for concurrence prior to membership vote.

ARTICLE XII – RATIFICATION

Section (1) This constitution may be amended or ratified by the Advisor or 9/10ths vote of the membership.