

How to Apply

Contact our membership chairman at 603-882-0747, or send a note to The Merrimack Friars
P.O. Box 72
Merrimack, NH 03054

Application Process:

The completed application must be submitted to the Membership Chairman.

The Membership Chairman will review the application and call to schedule a home visit.

During the home visit the Membership Chairman will discuss the Merrimack Friars in greater detail and get to know the applicant.

The application will be presented to the Board of Directors of the group for a final decision. If the Board declines the application, a written explanation will be provided. If accepted, the applicant immediately becomes a member with the ability to participate in the organization subject to the rules of the organization.

Eligibility

Interested parties must submit an application. At the time of the submission, applicants must

- Have a developmental disability
- Be between the ages of 16 and 40
- Reside in Amherst, Bedford, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Nashua or any town served by the Get Set Program at Merrimack High School
- Have a parent or guardian willing to help with group activities occasionally
- Parent or Guardian must provide one on one supervision for their member at Merrimack Friar events when requested by the Board.

Annual dues are \$25.00 payable in June for the next year.

Applicant must complete all necessary Special Olympics of New Hampshire requirements in order to participate in Special Olympic events.

Membership is limited in number.

GREATER MERRIMACK SPECIAL NEEDS YOUTH GROUP



The Merrimack Friars MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

About the Friars

In 1980 a group of parents who had children with disabilities came together. Their children were in middle school and had few social opportunities. This began a parent/community effort to form a group to provide social activities.

The group was formally named the Merrimack Special Needs Youth Group, but it is informally called the Merrimack Friars in honor of the pastor from Our Lady of Mercy Church who was instrumental in starting the group.

The Merrimack Friars is a parent led organization. It is now proud to have 65 members. It is entirely run by volunteers. The goal of the group is to provide social and sports activities for its members.

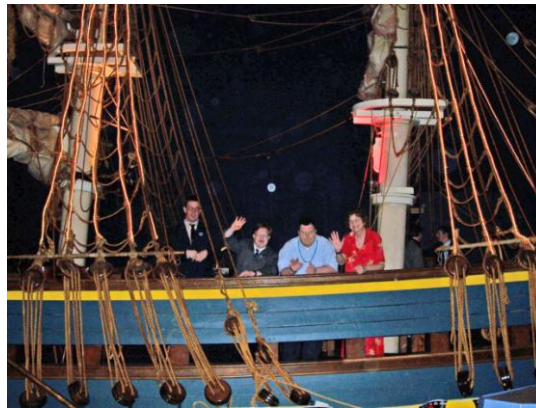
The group runs at least one social event each month from September thru June.

And the members participate in Special Olympics of New Hampshire events on a local, statewide, national and international basis.

The Merrimack Friars is a nonprofit organization under IRS code Section 501 (c)(3).

Social Activities

Members and families are invited to attend all social functions. Some functions are free while others require a fee. Financial assistance is available for members who are unable to afford the fees.



Social Events:

- Semi-Formal Dance
- Bingo & Pizza Night
- Regular Dances
- Bowling League
- Craft Activities
- Theater Plays
- Dinner Out
- Other Activities

Sports Activities

The Merrimack Friars participate in Special Olympics activities throughout the year. Members participate in as many or as few events as they like. We have sent athletes to Regional and State Games as well as national and international events.

See the Special Olympics of New Hampshire web site for more information on the programs offered thru SONH

www.sonh.org



Sporting Events:

- Bowling
- Basketball
- Golf
- Skiing
- Softball
- Bocce