



## PTSA Service Learning Program Guidelines for Skyline Students

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### What are Community Volunteer Service Hours?

**Community Volunteer Service Hours are hours spent performing services without pay or other compensation (except recognition and appreciation) for the good of an individual, agency, the community or society.**

### Why Should I Volunteer My Time?

Volunteerism provides many benefits for the community and the student, including:

- To explore different career fields.
- To gain valuable contact for future job or internship opportunities.
- To provide colleges a student's volunteer service record.
- To meet requirements for many scholarships.
- To learn new skills or enhance skills in your area of interest.
- To be recognized at Senior graduation with a service cord

**PTSA purchases the Cords for students who qualify.**

### What Counts for Community Service?

To be recorded by Skyline PTSA, your volunteer hours must fit the definition above and also meet the following criteria:

- Hours should be performed **outside** of school time.
- Hours volunteered after 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion to date **do count**.
- Hours must be authorized (initialed or signed, or a written letter) by a supervisor of the program. NOT A PARENT
- Hours worked for other school groups (International Baccalaureate (IB), National Honor Society, Key Club and DECA) **do count**, as long as they meet all other criteria. Hours for class credit: Health, Sports Medicine and Music **do not** count.
- Only actual working hours count: travel & sleep hours **do not** count.
- Fundraising, Rehearsal hours and Planning Meetings **do not** count.
- Hours worked as a result of Traffic Court **do not** count.
- Interning/Job Shadowing **do not** count.

### How Do I Turn In My Hours? NOTE CHANGES

**Please find below the link for form to record hours. Due to current restrictions in volunteering, please note the following changes:**

- The number of hours for Juniors and Seniors has changed:
  - Seniors (class of 2021): 70 hours
  - Juniors (class of 2022): 60 hours
  - Sophomore and Freshman (classes of 2023 and 2024): 100 hours (total hours have not changed)
- If you are a Senior, please email your form to: [servicelearning@skylineptsa.org](mailto:servicelearning@skylineptsa.org).
- If you are a Junior, Sophomore or Freshman, please keep your forms at home until September 2021.
- Please click [here](http://skylineptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Page/Pta/Forms) to download the form (<http://skylineptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Page/Pta/Forms>)

**Deadlines?** The deadline for **Seniors** to receive Service Learning cords will be **April 15, 2021**. Please email questions to: [servicelearning@skylineptsa.org](mailto:servicelearning@skylineptsa.org).