

PTSA Service Learning Program Guidelines

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 students and the community, including:

- Exploring different career fields.
- Gaining valuable contacts for future job or internship opportunities.
- Providing colleges a student's volunteer service record.
- Meeting requirements for many scholarships.
- Learning new skills or enhancing skills in areas of interest.
- Recognition at graduation with a service cord (purchased by the PTSA for eligible students).

Which Hours Count for Community Service?

Volunteer hours must fit the definition above and meet the following criteria:

- Performed outside of school time.
- Volunteered after 8th grade promotion.
- Authorized (initialed or signed, or a written letter) by a program manager (not a parent).
- Worked for other school groups (International Baccalaureate (IB), National Honor Society, Key Club and DECA).

Which Hours Do Not?

The following hours will not count as part of this program:

- Hours for class credit, such as those for Health, Sports Medicine, or Music.
- Travel or sleep hours.
- Fundraising, rehearsal or planning hours.
- Traffic court hours.
- Internship/Job shadowing hours.

How Do I Turn In My Hours?

100 total hours are required for earning the PTSA service cord. Download form needed to record hours [here](#). Find form submission details [here](#).

Deadlines?

The deadline for Seniors to receive service learning cords is April 15, 2024.

Questions?

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