

What can my child do to earn community service hours?

Animals: Volunteer for a local humane society; volunteer for a pet therapy program for disabled individuals.

Environment: Volunteer at a local recycling center; start a recycling drive; plant trees; clean up trash in neighborhood or local park; start a campaign to raise awareness of pollution; collect used items for donations.

Arts and Culture: Volunteer at a local library or museum; create pictures for a local hospital or nursing facility; perform at a local nursing/assisted living facility with a choir or dance troupe; participate in a church choir ****Please note that we will no longer count choir, dance or theatre rehearsals towards community service hours but will continue to count performances both in nursing homes or other service performances****; collect books for donation to a local charity.

Civic/community: Scout Service Projects; (regular scout meetings can't be counted, but specific service projects performed by the scouting organization CAN be counted) fundraise for a local charitable organization; Grand friends; Student Council; Character Club; participate in an organized walk or golf tournament for charity; help with disaster relief or clean-up; work for money and donate it to a charity; start a letter writing campaign to the soldier's; make and send care packages to soldier's; volunteer for meals on wheels; bake cookies and make thank you cards for local civic employees (i.e. school staff, firemen, policemen); participate in a political campaign.

Faith Based Organizations: Volunteer at a local Church or Synagogue; prepare/serve meals at a local mission; be a bell ringer for the Salvation Army Kettles at Christmas; go on a Mission trip.

Human Services: Spend time volunteering at a local nursing or assisted living facility; rake leaves for your sick or elderly neighbor; organize a bake sale and donate the proceeds to the homeless; **please note that transportation time is not eligible for community service hours**. We cannot count hours turned in for chores or personal activities unless they specifically benefit others.

You can also find suggestions and organizations by going to www.presidentialserviceawards.gov and selecting the "Find Volunteer Opportunities" tab. **Please note that Community Service is defined as an unpaid act or activity that is beneficial to the surrounding community**. If your activity is not specifically listed above, you may be contacted to verify the hours. All hours must be certified by the staff community service liaison.