

# COMMUNITY SERVICE GUIDELINES

~ **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.** ~

The Chamber of Commerce's purpose for requiring community service hours for Texas Scholar recognition is:

**To encourage students to go beyond the school walls and expand their awareness of community needs and civic responsibilities.**

Our objective is to have each student gain adult insights and begin to recognize and accept a personal responsibility in meeting those needs within the Odessa and Ector County community.

Community service is more than a good deed or volunteering to perform a service. For our sponsor, the Chamber of Commerce, it is volunteering your time, energy, and/or talents to an organization, project or event that serves to:

- improve the quality of life,
- enhance the community's appearance,
- support community non-profit or charitable events,
- provide youth guidance activities (outside the classroom),
- promote higher education, or
- increase civic responsibility awareness.

Community service is a contribution through active citizenship.

A list of approved organizations will be available in your campus contact's office. Community service can only be performed for an approved organization. Texas Scholars will no longer recognize volunteer activities performed on school campuses. However, those activities may qualify for recognition with the Junior Volunteer program or other campus organizations. An organization can request approval status by completing an application form available from Texas Scholars. If you have questions concerning qualifying organizations or if you would like to request agency approval, call 456-9012.

# TEXAS SCHOLARS

ODESSA, TEXAS

## COMMUNITY SERVICE CERTIFICATION

School Year \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>

**Please turn form in as soon as hours are completed.**

Community service hours must be performed LOCALLY for a NON-PROFIT, CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS, or COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION, PROJECT, or VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION. You can NOT receive 2 hours credit for 1 hour worked nor can you receive Texas Scholar credit for service provided in conjunction with any other organization such as Honor Society or Teen Court.

### NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Date

Please do not abbreviate.

No. of Hours

Organization must be on the approved list.

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### Please Note:

Not all volunteer activities are considered community service. Some volunteer efforts are self-serving. In other words if you volunteer to wash cars and the funds raised are used by a booster club that supports your organization's activities, then the benefit will come back to you. Even though you volunteered your time, it didn't really help anyone outside the organization. See Texas Scholar Community Service description on this form.

### *Required Signatures*

I certify that the student identified above has volunteered his/her time with the referenced non-profit, charitable, religious, community service organization or project performing a service that benefits the Odessa/Ector County community.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Agency Representative signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Texas Scholar students must pursue the recommended or distinguished achievement graduation plan and maintain a 2.75 grade point average. Your signature below signifies that you are in compliance with these requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **DEADLINE TO REPORT HOURS IS APRIL 10**

**Hours will not be accepted after the deadline. No exceptions.**

Turn this signed form into counselor

KEEP copy for your records