

# PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD APPLICATION

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Age on 3/31/19: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Hours Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification: By signing this form you certify that you are a US citizen or a lawfully admitted permanent resident of the US; you certify that the hours listed on your Documentation of Service Hours Log are true and accurate, were performed between the dates of April 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019; that you followed the rules detailed in the Service Hours Guidelines in regard to the volunteer hours listed on your log; and, you certify that you are currently enrolled at Rockwall High School.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Service Log must be filled out completely and returned with application.**

## PVSA Service Hours Guidelines

### What is Community Service? And What is Not?

#### *Community Service is...*

There is such a wide range of activities that qualify as community service it is difficult to produce an exhaustive list, but in general, for activities to qualify as community service they should:

- Be for the benefit of others;
- Give service to an area in need;
- Not involve payment

#### *Community service activities may be:*

- School-oriented, community-oriented, or faith-based oriented;
- Performed outside of school hours;
- Direct (one-on-one with a person or persons) or indirect (such as a food drive).

By definition- volunteer community service refers to activities undertaken for the benefit of others for no direct or indirect financial reward or class grade.

#### ***At School:***

- Performing community service for school-based organizations or clubs such as NHS, Key Club, etc which require community service as a part of their mission criteria
  - o Regular meeting time does not count
- Student Leadership (Student Government) service projects during non-class time count
  - o Regular group meeting time does not count
- Student Government leaders, and other volunteer time at school events such as Open House count
  - o Time working a to recruit members does not count
- Performing with the school's cheer/pep/dance/band/choir/theater directly for senior citizens and/or disadvantaged groups counts
  - o Regular performances and rehearsals do not count
  - o Any performances required as part of a class do not count
  - o Any performances where admission is charged does not count

- Helping paint or build sets, sew costumes, etc. for a school play counts only for time not required for a class
  - o Performing in the play does not count
  - o Theater crew hours are limited to 10 hours per production
- Tutoring another student during non-class time counts provided it is done as part of sanctioned group (NHS, School Counselors, Youth Group)
  - o Helping your friend study for a test during class does not count
  - o Tutoring a sibling or relative does not count
- Helping a teacher (even if the teacher is related to student) set up their classroom for the year during non-school time counts
  - o Helping the teacher during class does not count
- Refereeing or coaching, and training/setup, announcing, time keeping, working concessions as a sports volunteer for a non-profit or school counts
  - o Practicing, playing, and fundraising for a sport does not count
  - o Any activities required for players (such as Varsity players helping at JV games) does not count
- Performing at a charity event, or for a disadvantaged group (disabled, senior citizens home) counts
  - o Practicing/rehearsals for that performance does not count
  - o Performing at school does not count
  - o Performances where admission is charged do not count
- Performing/marching at a Veteran's Parade, July 4th parade, etc counts
  - o School parades (such as Homecoming) do not count
  - o Practicing/rehearsing for that performance does not count

***At Home:***

- Helping a neighbor who is elderly or handicapped with household chores counts
  - o Helping anyone in your family or an able-bodied friend or neighbor with a chore does not count

### ***At Places of Worship:***

- Helping plant a garden, hand out programs outside of a building, or babysitting while parents attend the service counts
  - o Singing/playing an instrument or participating in the service (or anything inside of the place of worship) does not count
- Mission trips where service is the main component and Community service projects as part of a youth group count- limited to 8-10 hours a day based on log sheet/activity submitted.
  - o Sleeping, eating, worshipping, socializing and travel time does not count
- Vacation bible school, summer camps, Sunday school volunteering counts
  - o Any activity within a worship service does not count
  - o Preaching and proselytizing do not count In the Community:
- Helping at voter registration or a polling place counts
  - o Helping a candidate campaign does not count
- Volunteering to help set up, organize, hand out pamphlets, hand out water, etc. for non-profit organizations counts
- Volunteering at any non-profit charitable organizations or event counts (Examples: Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Goodwill Industries, Special Olympics, Relay for Life, Breast Cancer Awareness, Stop Hunger Now, etc.)
  - o Volunteering at a profit-based business does not count (includes internships and job shadowing)
- Assisting a disadvantaged person with a chore (cleaning out their garage, gardening, repairing their home, etc.) counts
  - o Helping a family member or any able-bodied person with a chore does not count
- Volunteering at a non-profit hospital or at a non-profit animal shelter counts
  - o Working at a doctor or veterinarian's office does not count
- Volunteering at either the school library or town library count
- Service projects as part of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Youth Groups, etc count
  - o Meetings and non-service activities do not count
  - o Fundraising for the groups does not count

***Misc. that does not count***

- Hosting a foreign exchange student or family
- Team-building activities
- Helping family members
- Fundraising for any group where the student is a member (Baseball player fundraising for the baseball team, fundraising to cover student's costs for a mission trip, Fundraising for scouting activities does not count)
- Volunteer service(s) hours above 10 hours per day
- Any activity where the student is paid
- Any activity required for a grade in class