

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

1) *What is the definition of Community Service?*

Community Service is defined as unpaid service above and beyond family, community and church responsibilities normally expected of a contributing group member.

2) *What kinds of service counts and what doesn't?*

- Barbara Bush PTA awards hours based on the time a student volunteers
- For any activity OVER 15 HOURS, the student must submit a short paragraph describing the activity.
- Volunteers are limited to 75 hours per single activity.
- Community Service hours should be documented at the time they are performed - not as a long-term endorsement at the end of the year.
- Donating a can of food for the SA Food Bank, donating a toy for a Toy Drive etc.. @school counts towards an hour of community service.

Do Count

- Hours benefiting the entire community, not just one member of the community or a for-profit business. Therefore, we do not count hours earned babysitting or helping your immediate family. (for example: babysitting for your sister/brother, helping work at Mom or Dad's office)
- 1 hour of service if you participate in a school sponsored event. (for example: If you take a can(s) of food for the Student Council's Food Drive, could 1 hour of service for that activity)
- Community service hours worked on behalf of the National Junior Honor Society, Student Council, PALS etc.. count towards the PVSA award, however, students must still use the PVSA service logs for the PVSA Award. Students must follow the procedures designated by those sponsors to receive credit for each individual group.

Do Not Count

- Do not count hours spent working for the election of a particular political candidate.
- Do not count hours earned babysitting or helping your immediate family. (for example: babysitting for your sister/brother, helping work at Mom or Dad's office)

3) *Is there a certain form to fill out?*

Students should use the service logs provided on our PVSA website.

4) *Will I still be recognized if I do not complete a minimum of 50 hours?*

Barbara Bush recognizes ALL students that earn less than the 50 hr. minimum at the PVSA Awards Ceremony held at the end of the year. May 2007

Questions may be referred to Sandra Cardoza at cardfam@sbcglobal.net (Bush PTA PVSA Chairperson).