

East Service Award for Graduating Seniors – Cumulative through High School

This award is granted to graduating seniors with more than **150 cumulative hours of service during high school**(summer before freshman year through March 31 of senior year). The intention is to make recognition for service attainable for busy high school students, yet lofty enough to demonstrate a sincere passion for serving fellow students, the community and our world. The award will be recognized and a special cord issued at graduation ceremonies.

Presidential Volunteer Service Award -- Annual

This is a national program that recognizes students who demonstrate outstanding service to their community, nation or abroad **on an annual basis during the 12-month period between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023**. Requirements by age are as follows:

For students **age 16 or older as of March 31, 2023**, the awards are:

Gold: 250 or more hours of service

Silver: 175-249 hours

Bronze: 100-174 hours

For students **under 16 as of March 31, 2023**, awards are:

Gold: 100 or more hours of service

Silver: 75 – 99 hours

Bronze: 50 – 74 hours

What activities qualify for service hours?

- Time spent helping others (inside & outside SME) that you don't get paid for, don't get a grade for and isn't a condition of your membership in a club/sport/organization.
- Fundraising for community and faith-based services
- Travel time and actual work time on volunteer trips
- Examples within school include: NHS hours, Link Crew involvement, SHARE projects, Coalition projects, STUCO service activities, student boards you serve on for betterment of the school, and tutoring.
- Examples outside school include: time you give to any non-profit organization (fundraising or hands-on service), service to faith-based and civic organizations, tutoring, coaching and teaching others in your neighborhood and community (as long as it is not paid).

What doesn't count?

- Fundraising for sports teams, choir, theater, clubs, etc. in which you're involved
- Court-ordered community service
- Sleeping and entertainment time after you traveled to the volunteer location
- Services performed as defined by your role as a member of a club or team, i.e. player, manager, actor, technician...

Questions? Don't hesitate to ask! Email smeshare1@gmail.com or stop by the SHARE Room, 4th floor north stairwell.