

Examples of “WHAT COUNTS” towards the Presidential Service Award

COUNTS	DOES NOT COUNT
<p>Volunteering to play an instrument/sing at nursing home. Time spent at nursing home with residents performing, and visiting – counts.</p>	<p>Practice time to prepare to volunteer and perform at the nursing home does NOT COUNT towards PVSA hours.</p>
<p>Volunteering as a peer mentor or as supervised or directed by teacher at Evergreen*. There can be NO incentive provided monetarily or with grades/ extra credit as this is considered “payment.”</p> <p>*May NOT be performed during a student’s class time (PE, math, etc.).</p>	<p>Helping a friend or classmate with homework or to study for a test.</p>
<p>Participating in 5K as long as it is for <i>event</i> either as a runner/walker OR as a help out at the event.</p> <p>***Please use integrity when reporting time participating as a runner/walker in a 5K.***</p>	<p>Participating in a 5K that is not a fundraiser (for example “The Color Run”).</p>
<p>Time spent raising money for a cause (lemonade stand, etc.) may count towards volunteer hours accrued.</p>	<p>Donating money to a cause.</p>
<p>Volunteering with youth groups for community projects (Habitat for Humanity, Operation Sandwich, Room in the Inn, etc.) or participating in service activities through a school club.</p>	<p>Being part of a leadership club, student council at school or as a member of youth group/religious school. Meetings do not count.</p>

<p>Volunteer work with church, temple, synagogue</p> <p>Volunteering with children in Vacation Bible School or tutoring children in Hebrew may count as volunteer work.</p> <p>Volunteering to drive a person coming to your church, temple, synagogue to do charity work counts.</p>	<p>Volunteer work with a religious organization may count so long as students do not proselytize (to try to persuade people to join a religion, cause, or group).</p> <p>Participation in religious rituals does NOT count (for example: serving as an altar server, preparing or giving sermons, assisting clergy with religious rituals or services, lighting candles in synagogue, singing/dancing/performing during a religious service, etc. does not count)</p> <p>Giving up your room/bed to host a missionary or other public sector worker does not count.</p>
<p>Babysitting in a faith-based nursery, daycare, women or men's shelter, or community center without any type of compensation (pay), counts.</p>	<p>Babysitting for friends or family, or for any compensation.</p>
<p>Volunteering with language club, or other school sponsored clubs - in the community - may count towards the PVSA.</p>	<p>Hosting a foreign exchange student is a wonderful thing to do, but does not count as volunteer work.</p>
<p>Preparing and delivering food or other necessities to others in need as part of a volunteer position with a community based organization counts.</p>	<p>Helping a friend, neighbor or family member in crisis is a wonderful thing to do, and often the right thing to do; however, this help does not qualify as "volunteer work" in the community.</p>