



Texas Scholars Community Service Guidelines

Please read carefully

The Texas Scholars program is a workforce development program sponsored by the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with ECISD, local businesses, and area nonprofits for high school students.

Community service hours are required to encourage students to expand their awareness of community needs and civic responsibilities. The objective is for students to gain adult insight by beginning to recognize and accept personal responsibility in meeting needs in Ector County.

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.

A list of approved organizations will be available on the district website as well as in the office of your Texas Scholars Campus Coordinator. All hours must be completed at an approved organization.

Community service may only be performed for an approved organization. Texas Scholars will not recognize volunteer activities performed on school campuses.

Deadline to report hours is April 1st to your Texas Scholars Campus Coordinator. Do not **No late submissions accepted.**

Texas Scholars Community Service Certification 2026-2027 School Year

Name _____ ID# _____

School _____ Grade: 9th 10th 11th 12th

Please turn form into you Texas Scholars campus coordinator as soon as hours are completed. Community service hours must be performed **LOCALLY** for an approved Texas Scholars agency.

You may 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.

Date: _____ Name of Approved Organization: _____ No. Hours: _____

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 did not help anyone outside the organization. See Texas Scholar Community Service description on this form.

Required Signatures

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

Authorized Agency Representative Signature

Date

I certify that I have volunteered my time with the above referenced non-profit, charitable, religious, community service organization or project performing a service that benefits the Ector County community.

Student Signature

Date

FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR TEXAS SCHOLARS CAMPUS COORDINATOR DIRECTLY. KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.