

# Seven Lakes High School

## NHS/Student Council (SOS)

### Service Guidelines

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#### **VOLUNTEER HOURS -- BASIC INFORMATION:**

- All members must enter hours in X2VOL **DURING THE SAME 6WKS THEY WERE COMPLETED**. Hours submitted after the grading period in which the service was completed will be denied.
- Community service hours earned at SLHS, schools in the community, and/or non-profit organizations may be documented and used for this program as long as they meet current guidelines.

***Any unique circumstances which do not fall under these guidelines should be discussed with your Advisor prior to beginning the project.***

#### **What are the requirements for Service?**

- Must be for a registered non-profit 501(c)(3). ***If you are not sure - ask first.***
- Must benefit the community.
- Must have direct supervision by the sponsoring organization or a Katy ISD teacher.

#### **VOLUNTEER HOURS -- LIMITATIONS:**

- 12 hours maximum per day of active participation/service, i.e. overnight camp.
- No travel time.
- Parents, students, family friends, etc., may not supervise nor verify hours.
- Participation in walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons, marathons, etc., to raise funds for a non-profit organization will be limited to the time it took to complete the course for a maximum of 2 service hours. Hours will only be accepted for physical participation and not for donations or fundraising.
- Individual projects that involve a monetary, product, or handmade donation must be sponsored by a SLHS organization, including the PTSA, **and approved by NHS/STuCo** prior to participation. Limitations may be applied. All other donations are not permissible. ***If you are not sure - ask first.***
- Members of SLHS student organizations may not submit hours for projects or activities that are required of its membership or benefit its members directly. ***If you are not sure - ask first.***
- Tutoring must be supervised by a Katy ISD teacher or through a 501(c)(3) organization. Organizations created or led by students may not verify tutoring hours for our members. ***If you are not sure - ask first.***
- Members may claim hours for work completed on any school campus that benefits the school community as a whole. Limitations include, but are not limited to, clerical work, organizing classrooms, preparing materials, updating websites, etc. ***If you are not sure - ask first.***
- Not all projects on x2VOL are NHS/STuCo approved. Projects on x2VOL that do not meet these guidelines will not be accepted. ***If you are not sure - ask first.***

**VOLUNTEER HOURS that DO NOT count:**

- Service hours completed without direct adult supervision by the sponsoring organization or a Katy ISD teacher, including, but not limited to, baking food, blankets, bracelets, crafts, letters, etc.
- Members may not claim hours for any activity for which pay is received.
- Members cannot claim hours for political campaign lobbying or religious activities, including, but not limited to, rallies, distribution of materials, phone banking, fundraising/donations, or participating in religious classes, services, worship, bible studies, youth groups, small groups, VBS, and/or religious camps.
- Members may not claim hours for attendance at any club or organization meetings on or off campus.
- Members may not claim hours for social media research, campaigns, or posts.

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**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY REQUIREMENTS:**

- NHS members are required to submit 25 hours during the volunteer service year from April 16, 2021 to April 15, 2022.
- Members are required to complete a minimum of 10 hours in the Fall Semester by December 10.
- Members are required to complete a minimum of 10 hours in the Spring Semester by April 15.
- Members are required to complete an additional 5 flex hours during the volunteer service year.

**STUDENT COUNCIL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Student Council members working towards the Presidential Service Award will all adhere to the minimum hours set by the Young Adult Standards.
- All student council members are required to attend the hours verification meeting in the Spring of 2022 in order to be eligible for an award, scholarship, or cord.
- The Student Council volunteer year runs from April 16, 2021 to April 15, 2022. All hours earned within this time frame will be considered for the various Student Council awards.