



COMMUNITY SERVICE GUIDE

Community Service is defined as hours “that a person performs for the benefit of his or her local community on an unpaid, volunteer basis.” UPHA reserves the right to disqualify any hour(s) of community service deemed not eligible, improper, inappropriate or inconsistent with the purpose of the program as defined in the rules.

When trying to determine if the service performed will count for the program community service hours ask yourself the following questions listed under eligible service. This is to be used as a guide; the below criteria will not cover all circumstances. If a question exists regarding the acceptance of an activity for community service, the participant should obtain prior approval.

ELIGIBLE SERVICE-In general these are unpaid acts of volunteer service benefitting others.

1. Does the service promote the health, welfare and safety of animals?
2. Does the service promote the health, welfare and safety of the community?
3. Does the service improve the standard of living for residents of the community?
4. Does the service improve and enrich the lives of the mentally and/or physically disabled?
5. Does the service promote the quality life for the senior citizens of your community?
6. Does the service preserve the environment and/or the protection of historical sites?
7. Does the service provide leadership, guidance, and activities for the youth of your community?

ELIGIBLE SERVICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

1. Did the participant or a member of his/her family receive a financial or in kind benefit in return for the service? If the answer is yes, then the service will not count.
2. Service may not be performed for or on behalf of a family member, unless performed for a 501c3 and answers one of the eligible service questions above.
3. Donating funds
4. Soliciting donations or making items to sell for donations
5. Political lobbying
6. Job shadowing or shadowing a political leader
7. Religious instruction or conducting a worship service
8. Family related activities
9. Hours that are compensated either financially or with some other material or in kind benefit
10. Court mandated community service
11. Fostering of animals
12. Child care, pet sitting or sitting with elderly, unless performed for a 501c3 non-profit organization and without financial benefit or some other material or in kind benefit.
13. Service may not be performed for a profit-making organization, except for institutions like hospitals, nursing homes, animal welfare organizations or horse shows.
14. Barn chores, grooming, tacking up, stall cleaning, cleaning tack and exercising horses, unless being performed for a 501c3 non-profit organization and without financial benefit or some other material or in kind benefit.
15. Camp worker, except those at 501c3 non-profit camps that are financially accessible to all members of the community.
16. Hours performed overnight at camps or events
17. Meetings do not qualify for hours (clubs, athletic boosters, youth groups, general information meeting, athletic teams, etc.)

Questions about Community Service? Contact the UPHA office info@uphaonline.com or Ribbons of Service Committee Chair, Fay Lowry at faylowry65@yahoo.com