Snohomish High School
Senior Community Service

All graduating Seniors of the Snohomish School District are required to complete eight hours of community service at an approved organization as a graduation requirement. Service completed from June 24th onward can count toward meeting the requirement. Verification forms must be completed by June 6th at 8AM to participate in graduation ceremonies.

Guidelines:

- The organization must be a non-profit, 501(c)3 and offer service opportunities that are community oriented.

- School district service opportunities will be allowed if the Community Service Committee has concluded that the opportunity has significant community impact. These school district activities must be educational in nature and be performed at the middle school/elementary level. No school district sport activities are permitted. No booster club or other fundraising activities will be allowed. Service done as part of being in a high school club does not count. In general, all district activities must be pre-approved.

- A minimum of eight (8) hours is required of all students. The required hours must be performed outside of the school day.

- Any faith-related community service must be service-based. This would include, but not be limited to, helping the homeless, clothing/food drives and serving the elderly. Hours will not be granted for activities such as teaching Sunday School, participating in church band/choir, or ministering on behalf of your faith. All religious-affiliated activities must be pre-approved.

Forms:

Necessary forms can be found on the SHS website under “Students” and “Community Service”. Students only need to submit a Verification Form if the organization is already on the Preapproved List or published in the school bulletin. Permission forms need to be submitted for review and approval by the Community Service Committee if the organization is not on the preapproved list (including the Snohomish School District and religious organizations).

Questions?

See Mrs. Cowan in A303 or email kaci.cowan@sno.wednet.edu

Due Date

Community Service is due Wednesday, June 7th at 8AM

Get started!

1. Think about what type of service you would like to complete.
   
   What are you passionate about? Do you want to gain career or professional experience?

2. Find an organization.
   
   Check the school bulletin or your school email account for weekly updates. Look at the Preapproved List on the SHS website for organizations that our students have worked with in the past. Visit the following websites for search for opportunities:
   - United Way: getconnected.uwsc.org
   - Just Serve: www.justserve.org
   - Volunteer Match: www.volunteermatch.org

3. Contact your organization and ask to volunteer.
   
   Be sure to ask if you need to attend any training or fill out applications prior to your service. If the organization is not on the Preapproved List or not listed in the school bulletin, fill out a Project Permission Form and submit it to Mrs. Cowan.

4. Print out a Verification Form.
   
   Fill out your section. Have your parent read and sign it. Bring it with you while you volunteer. Have your supervisor complete their section.

5. Turn your form into Mrs. Cowan in A303.

6. Check Family Access to see your hours recorded.
   
   Once you have eight hours completed, you’ll see the “Community Service” grade change from a “U” to an “S”. If you have turned in partial hours, you will see that reflected in the comments section of the assignment. Students with completed hours will eventually have “Community Service” dropped from their schedule.

Want to Letter in Community Service?

Snohomish High School partners with United Way to offer a Varsity Letter in Community Service for students who complete 145 hours of service. Find more information, guidelines and an application at: www.uwsc.org-varsityletter.php