



2011 Student Volunteer Awards

Volunteerism enriches our community and makes many activities and resources available that would not otherwise exist. Volunteering as a student, can lead to continued participation in this valuable life-long activity. It also can lead to developing career, scholarship, and recognition opportunities for those students involved.

To encourage our youth to participate in this valuable life-long activity, the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the annual **Mayors' Student Volunteer Award** and the **President's Volunteer Service Award**. The purpose of these awards is to recognize and honor students who have enriched the area served by the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce through their volunteerism over the past year. These awards will be presented by area Mayors and Village Presidents at the annual recognition reception in the spring of 2012.

To recognize the importance of volunteerism for our community and for the nation, students are eligible to receive both the Mayors' Award and the President's Award in accordance with the number of hours contributed in a calendar year. Information about both awards is included here. One application and service record can be used to apply for both awards. All applications and documentation are due to the Chamber of Commerce office no later than February 1, 2012.

Mayors' Student Volunteer Award Criteria

- Students – ages 6 to 21: 75 hours or more

President's Volunteer Service Award Criteria

- Children – 14 and younger: Bronze (50 to 74 hours)
Silver (75 to 99 hours)
Gold (100 hours or more)
- Young Adults – ages 15 to 25: Bronze (100 to 174 hours)
Silver (175 to 249 hours)
Gold (250 hours or more)

The President's Volunteer Service Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in the American spirit, and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service and civic participation.

The Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce is a certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award. All volunteer hours should be documented on the following forms, using as many sheets as necessary. The President's Awards that are available are based on the age of the student and the number of hours of volunteer service.

Application forms should be submitted to the Chamber of Commerce by February 1, 2012.

Applications forms and information are available at the Chamber of Commerce office,
the Chamber's website: www.jacksonvilleareachamber.org,
the Dist. 117 website: www.jsd117.org, or local school offices.

Student Volunteer Awards

General Criteria

- The student must meet the age requirements.
- The student's volunteer hours can be done at one or more locations in one calendar year.
- The volunteer hours may take place at civic organizations, other schools, summer school, churches, hospitals, the Chamber of Commerce, nursing homes, environmental organizations, service organizations, camp, tutoring, mentoring, etc.
- The student must not be paid for their activities.
- The adult (non-family member) supervising the volunteer activity must verify the volunteer hours.
- The school principal and student must complete and submit the application form along with the completed verification forms.

Possible Volunteer Sites

- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Melanie Six 245-9541
Lori Manker 217-416-4160
(Babysitting during meetings at Passavant Hospital - juniors or seniors in high school)
- Elm City Center (Must be 16 years old) Tom Frederick 245-9504
- Community Childcare and Service Center Tilde Holmes 243-4960
- Midwest Youth Services Susan Wilson 245-6000
- Jacksonville Area for Independent Living Becky McGinnis 245-8371
- Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce Ginny Fanning 245-2174
- Habitat for Humanity
George Shafer 243-1125
Sam Sheets 243-5639
(16 years old unless an adult accompanies and supervises the student)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Cindy Denby 243-3821
- Prairie Council on Aging (12 yrs and older) Nancy Thorsen 479-4619
- Prairieland United Way Lori Hall 245-4557
- Crisis Center Foundation Jo Turner 243-4357
- Kiddie Korral Home Day Care Lacey Kershaw 638-1756
- West Central Illinois Youth Camp Casey McDaniel 883-2829
- Central Illinois Community Blood Center Mindy Melton 1-866-give-bld ext. 38
- Local churches
- Youth Groups, Service Clubs, YMCA

You may also go to the **Volunteer Connections** section on the Chamber's website for more:
http://www.jacksonvilleareachamber.org/moxie/prog_div/volunteer-connections-we-.shtml



2011 Student Volunteer Awards Application Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Student's name: _____ Principal's Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____
Principal's Signature

Parent or Guardian's name(s): _____

Address: _____
Street City of Residence Zip Phone

Student's Email: _____ Parent's Email: _____

Nominee's interests and/or hobbies: _____

Nominee's future goals: _____

Total Hours of Service: _____

I am applying for the following award(s):

Mayors' Student Volunteer Award
_____ Students ages 6 to 21 (75 hours or more)

President's Volunteer Service Award:
Children 14 and younger – choose one:
_____ Bronze (50 to 74 hours) _____ Silver (75 to 99 hours) _____ Gold (100 hours or more)

Young Adults ages 15 to 25 – choose one:
_____ Bronze (100 to 174 hrs) _____ Silver (175 to 249 hrs) _____ Gold (250 hours or more)

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Location at which the student volunteered: _____

Number of volunteer hours: _____ Beginning Date: _____ Ending Date: _____

Description of volunteer activities: _____

Name of supervisor (printed): _____

Phone number of supervisor: _____

Address of supervisor: _____

Signature of supervisor verifying volunteer hours: _____

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Student Volunteer Awards (continued)

Student's Name: _____

Location at which the student volunteered: _____

Number of volunteer hours: _____ Beginning Date: _____ Ending Date: _____

Description of volunteer activities: _____

Name of supervisor (printed): _____

Phone number of supervisor: _____

Address of supervisor: _____

Signature of supervisor verifying volunteer hours: _____



Location at which the student volunteered: _____

Number of volunteer hours: _____ Beginning Date: _____ Ending Date: _____

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Phone number of supervisor: _____

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Location at which the student volunteered: _____

Number of volunteer hours: _____ Beginning Date: _____ Ending Date: _____

Description of volunteer activities: _____

Name of supervisor (printed): _____

Phone number of supervisor: _____

Address of supervisor: _____

Signature of supervisor verifying volunteer hours: _____

Please attach additional pages if you volunteered at more locations.

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