

**Volunteer Hours FAQ**  
**Theme for 2009-2010**  
**Doing Good in the Neighborhood**

**Volunteering Hours – are entered by the Advisory teacher on the Tracker System under Community Service. If a club or organization is sponsoring an event, that sponsor needs to enter hours on Tracker.**

**Why is volunteering important?**

It not only looks good on resumes, college and scholarship application, but it also helps with self esteem, making a difference in another person's life and to make you feel better about yourself. Bring a friend, have some fun! Try it, it does the heart good! It benefits are priceless!

**Who qualifies?**

Any student, faculty/ staff team member qualify if they meet the 6 hours of volunteer work. Teacher/staff will need to participate in school-wide events or bring documentation from outside events like students. These forms would need to be sent to Mrs. Creel by email or in box.

**What is minimum requirement to qualify for a free t-shirt?**

6 hours of volunteer work.

**Do the volunteer hours have to be done only at school?**

No, any volunteer hours count. If volunteer hours are done at school, they need to be logged in my teacher/sponsor of event/advisory teacher. If outside volunteer activities are completed, a signed note from the organization receiving volunteer service needs to be submitted on letterhead including student's name and signature of administrator of organization and phone number with number of hours of volunteering. These hours need to be turned in to the advisory teacher to enter community service hours on system.

**For each 6 hours of volunteer time, do you earn an additional t-shirt?**

No.

**How can I check how many volunteer hours I have?**

Check with your advisory teacher.

**What is the timeline for earning volunteer hours?**

Summer Activities until April 2, 2010.

All entries must be entered by April 2, 2009 6:00 pm to qualify.

**Do volunteer hours from last year count?**

No. But we do keep a log of your volunteer hours from previous years.

**Will past volunteer hours be available for me to apply for scholarships?**

Yes, in your senior year, you can request a printout of your years of service of volunteer hours. This will look great on your scholarship applications, college entrance forms and work related resumes.

**What does Vanguard award have to do with volunteering?**

Top senior volunteers will qualify for this prestigious district award.

Some want to volunteer, but not receive a shirt. That is okay also. We just want students and faculty to actively be involved in volunteering. We would however like the hours recorded. So please consider letting us know your volunteer hours. At graduation, Mr. Stock announces the volunteer hours that have been completed by our students. Parents, community and Central Office administrators and Board Members were very impressed with our commitment to volunteering.

**Sam Rayburn High School also is**

**\*\*\*\*\*announcing\*\*\*\*\***

**An advanced Volunteer Program – the  
Ambassador Program for Volunteering**

We are partnering with Shell Federal Credit Union to establish the Ambassador Program. It will have a minimum volunteer requirement of 30 hours. If you would like to be a trendsetter for volunteering, get in on the groundbreaking program, please stop by Mrs. Creel’s office in the main office to pick up a packet and application.

Many great rewards will be provided to the Ambassador’s and they too will earn a free t-shirt.

Can you participate in both programs?  
Absolutely!

If you are interested in the Ambassador program and would like to participate in this volunteer effort, an application will need to be completed.

There are two categories of the Ambassador program. The Leadership Team which will consist of approximately 12 students. For the Leadership Team, you must complete the application process, and then you will be scheduled for an interview for the Leadership Committee. From those interviews the Leadership Team for 2009-10 will be selected. Each year you will have to reapply to be a member of the Ambassador program/Leadership Team member.

If you are not selected for the Leadership Team, you can still participate in the Ambassador program. Whether you want to be on the Leadership team, or just an ambassador, you must complete an application to apply and get three teacher references.

Any grade levels can apply to be an Ambassador. These representatives will make announcements on Planet Rayburn, and get the word out to the school about volunteering! Make a difference and stand out in the crowd. You can be an Ambassador without being on the Leadership Team.

See Mrs. Creel in the main office regarding the Ambassador Program and application.

Check out the website – [www.shellfcu.orgshellfcu.org](http://www.shellfcu.orgshellfcu.org)

Look on the bulletin board in the cafeteria for new volunteering opportunities.

We also will send email updates of volunteering activities.

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