

COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCUMENTATION

Community Service Graduation Requirement

- All students are required to have a minimum of 20 hours of community service.
- Community service hours are prorated at 5 hours per year for those students not attending Bow High School for 4 years.
- Seniors should have all community service hours completed by **January 15th** of their senior year in order to complete all graduation "checklist" requirements.
- Contact information for activities lasting longer than a cumulative 20 hours is suggested to avoid any logging issues.

This is to verify that community service was performed

Student Name:

Grade: Year of Graduation: Date of Service:

Hours worked: (**20+ hours requires a detailed explanation to be attached to this form**)

Please explain in detail what you did to earn the community service hours.

Signature of person supervising community service activity: _____

Print Name and Contact Information of Supervisor:

This form must be filled out **completely** or hours will not be accounted for!
Once it is completed return it to the school counseling department.

****INSUFFICIENT EXPLANATIONS MAY RESULT IN RESUBMISSION****

<i>For Student Senate committee use only</i>	
<i>Approved:</i> _____	<i>Disapproved:</i> _____
<i>Advisor's Initials:</i> _____	

DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service is volunteerism that occurs in the community---action taken to meet the needs of others and to better the community as a whole.

1. Such fields as health care, child care, literacy training, welfare, social services, transportation, housing and neighborhood improvement, public safety, crime prevention and control, recreation, rural development, and community improvement;
2. Work in service opportunities or youth corps as defined in the National and Community Service Act of 1990;
3. Support services to students and others with disabilities; and
4. Activities in which a student serves as a mentor for such purposes as tutoring, supporting educational and recreational activities.
5. Suggested activities include but are not limited to:
 - a. Cleaning a park
 - b. Collecting much-needed items including clothes, shoes, bottle tabs, bottle cans, etc.
 - c. Getting involved with Habitat for Humanity/Food Pantries/SPCA
 - d. Reading to people in nursing homes, hospitals, and/or schools
 - e. Helping out your local fire or police department
 - f. Helping out in a local shelter or soup kitchen
6. Large-scale, school-centered activities, such as prom, which require additional commitment.

Based on the definition of community service and the examples above, the following DO NOT qualify for Bow High School community service hours:

1. Any activity that offers personal compensation.
2. Any activity that directly benefits one's family.
3. Any activity that fulfills a senior seminar requirement.
4. Any activity that is performed during a non-community service-based senior seminar project, barring any mentor/teacher approval.
5. Any activity that fulfills a club's community service requirement or directly funds a club's account. Attendance at club meetings is also not eligible for community service.
6. Any required activity stemming from a suspension, arrest or any sort of punishment.
7. Any service committed under the expectations of any leadership position.

The Bow High School Student Senate Committee is now approving/disapproving all completed community service forms. If you are not sure if your community service will cover the graduation requirement as described above, seek advice from the Student Senate Committee.