

Siouxland Christian Community Service Program

***'For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'* Mark 10:45**

At Siouxland Christian our desire is to exemplify the commitment to service that Jesus has shown to each of us, Jesus came as a man not to be served but to serve. In accordance with Mark 10:45 Siouxland Christian wants to encourage our students to live out a life of service. Living a life of service reflects our thankfulness for the redeeming work of Jesus in our lives, we serve out of a heart of gratitude to our Savior. The Community Service Program is not an end in itself but as a way to begin to encourage our students to serve so that throughout their lives service to those around them is exemplified in their lives.

To earn the Silver Service Cord students will be required to demonstrate a commitment to community service throughout high school by completing at least 160 hours with a minimum of 40 hours being required each year from freshman year through senior year. Upon completion of the requirements the student will be eligible to wear the Service Cord at Graduation along with a notation of his or her service in the Graduation Program.

Students enrolled at Siouxland Christian for less than 4 years will be required to earn a minimum of 40 hours for each year they are enrolled. Volunteer hours must be completed at a minimum of two different service organizations.

Guidelines

The organization for which the student performs service must be non-profit; therefore, students may not receive payment or compensation in any form for service performed. Hours performed for any group or organization, which in turn profits financially from the service will not count.

- The following may **NOT** count toward service hours:
 - school activities for organizations of which you are a member with responsibilities for that organization, receive a benefit or a grade
 - service hours completed during school hours on a school day, including school service projects
 - family obligations (example—babysitting or caring for other family members)
 - duties performed in association with student's employment assisting a paid employee (including teachers) in completing any duties that are part

of their contract (grading papers, decorating a room, carrying supplies, filing, organizing, copying, computer work, etc.)

- work completed for political parties, issues or campaigns
 - tutoring a friend (example—study groups, proofreading a friend's paper, studying for an exam).
 - mission trips and work camps
 - *The overriding issue should be that the community service is done primarily to benefit others in the community at large with no financial gain to a group or individual, and should be something out of the student's normal course of action.*
- The following **MAY** count toward service hours (this list is not comprehensive):
 - volunteer duties associated with a church
 - community oriented non-profit organization (for ideas of non-profit organizations check out the school website)
 - highway clean up
 - blood drives
 - coaching a youth league team
 - bake sale with proceeds going to your favorite charity
 - run/walk for an event like Race for the Cure
 - plant trees for Arbor Day
 - pre-approved structured tutoring (such as adult education, literacy programs, and citizenship programs)
 - *Use your imagination there a hundreds of ways to shine the light of Jesus in our community*
 - For hours completed after May 1st but prior to the first day of school (through the summer) completed forms need to be submitted by **September 1st**.
 - For hours completed after the first day of school but prior to Thanksgiving (First Semester) completed forms need to be submitted by **December 1st** .
 - For hours completed from Thanksgiving but prior to May 1st, completed forms need to be submitted by **May 1st** .

Siouxland Christian Service Cord Program Declaration of Intent to Serve

I, _____ do hereby certify my intent to participate in the Service Cord Program at Siouxland Christian School. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that hours earned must be in accordance with the guidelines set out for this program. Furthermore, I agree to participate with honesty, integrity, and ensure that my acts of service benefit my community and those with whom I come in contact and that the love of Jesus will be expressed through my attitudes, words and actions. I will represent myself, my family, and my school to the best of my ability, ultimately remembering that I am the hands and feet of Jesus and my service is for His glory. I pledge to treat everyone with whom I have contact with the utmost respect and caring, seeing them through the eyes of Jesus.

‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ Matthew 25:40

Student’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Current Grade Level (circle): 9 10 11 12

I WILL NEED _____ HOURS TO EARN AND WEAR MY SERVICE CORD AT MY GRADUATION FROM SIOUXLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL.

SIOUXLAND CHRISTIAN SERVICE HOURS RECORD

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Please print clearly ALL requested information and complete ALL blanks to ensure credit for your hours. Service forms that are not complete or not legible will not be considered for service. Forms will not be returned to the student, you are responsible for making your personal copy of this record prior to turning it in.

Student: _____ Grade: _____ Date of Service: _____
 Time Service Began: _____ Ended: _____ Total hours: _____

*Please note: If service is performed over multiple dates/times, please use the Service Hours Record Log and turn it in with this form.

Non-profit Organization for which the service was performed

Name: _____

Location: _____ Detailed description of the service performed (include all duties, who benefited from the service, and whether or not you are a member of the organization, attach extra sheet if necessary):

I acknowledge that I have completed the service project described above.

Student's signature _____

***I acknowledge that the student named above has completed the service project described under my direction.*

Signature of Adult Non Guardian Supervisor Printed Name of Adult Non Guardian Supervisor

Phone _____

Position/Title _____

