

### Eligible Activities

Events or activities are intended to promote a positive contribution to the community. If an event/activity does not fall within the guidelines, the Principal of the student's school, with the appropriate supervisory officer, may approve or reject any activity or event.

#### Key Elements:

- Must be completed outside of class time.
- Must not be part of a credit course.
- Must be unpaid.
- Must have 40+ hours by the end of Grade 12

Activities	Examples
School Programs	Sports meets, setting up musical productions, parents' nights
Fundraising	Canvassing for walk-a-thons, gift wrapping, gala events
Sports/Recreation	Coaching, organizing Special Olympics
Community	Organizing carnivals, festivals, parades, food drives, and support services for community groups
Environmental Projects	Community clean-up, flower/tree planting, recycling
Religious Activities	Programming for children, Sunday school teacher, special events
Seniors' Programs	Assisting in Seniors' Residence/Program
Office and Clerical	Reception, computer work, and mailing for non-profit agencies
Youth Programs	Youth programs such as Girl Guides, Scouts, March Break programs, and camps
Work with Animals	Animal care, therapeutic horseback riding programs
Arts and Culture	Assisting in a gallery, set-up for musical performances/productions
Activities for Individuals	Assisting a senior to shop (no driving), read, prepare meals, shovel snow (no snowblowers), tutoring students, transcribing, and respite care

### Ineligible activities

The ministry has developed a list of activities that may not be chosen as community involvement activities. These are referred to as ineligible activities.

Some rules for volunteer hours:

- Cannot be a requirement of a class or course in which the student is enrolled (like cooperative education portion of a course, job shadowing, work experience)
- Cannot take place during class time. However, an activity that takes place during the student's lunch break or "spare" periods is **allowed**.
- Cannot be a job performed for wages by a person in the workplace.
- Cannot include the use of power tools, vehicles, and/or scaffolding.
- Cannot consist of duties normally performed in the home (like daily chores)
- Cannot be personal recreational activities.
- Cannot involve activities for a court-ordered program (e.g., community service program for young offenders, probationary program).
- Cannot be any duty performed for a family member.
- Cannot involve activities in the presence of "designated substances" under the Ontario Health and Safety Act.
- Cannot involve activities that promote discrimination, harassment, or put the safety of the student or others at risk.



Please review the full list [on our website](#).  
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