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NHS Volunteer Hours: Guidelines & Criteria

The purpose of requiring volunteer hours is to provide service to our community and its members in an attempt to make it better. With that mission in mind, to maintain membership in the Xenia Chapter of the National Honor Society, **each member must accumulate and document 15 hours of volunteer service each semester (including summer)**. Your 2nd semester hours are due at the May meeting, the summer hours are due on the first day of school. These hours must meet all guidelines and criteria outlined below.

- To claim an event/activity as volunteer service, the time claimed must total a **minimum of one full hour** of volunteer service
- At least one full hour of the total required 15 hours of service each semester must come from a **non-school affiliated** group/source.
- Any services rendered during the school day will **not** be accepted as volunteer service hours
- Any services rendered to family members will **not** be recognized as volunteer service hours
- Any services rendered that resulted in a payment, monetary or otherwise, are **not** accepted as volunteer service hours
- Sport team membership or any other “pay to play” activities will **not** be recognized as volunteer service hours

In addition to the guidelines above, members of some special groups may also have additional criteria and/or limitations:

- ***Fine Arts Performances (Musicals, Plays, Band Concerts, etc.)***
 - May only claim **3 hours** from community performances that take place outside the school day; not practices
- ***Student Sports Trainers:***
 - May only claim **3 hours** of game and practice hours as long as all other above criteria are also met
- ***Babysitting***
 - May only claim **2 hours** of babysitting.

****If ever you are unsure if a certain event/activity will be accepted as service, please verify with an NHS advisor **BEFORE** participation.****