

MCHS Senior Beta Club Guidelines for Service Hours

- 1) For the **2017-2018 school year, all BETA Members are required to have fifteen service hours**. ALL documentation must include 7.5 BETA Club sponsored hours and 7.5 community hours. All twelfth graders will only be responsible for ten service hours rather than fifteen. ALL twelfth graders' documentation must include 5 BETA Club sponsored hours and 5 community hours. Hours can be obtained through Beta Club sponsored events, service projects, or fundraisers to include, but not limited to the Academic Awards Night/ Senior Beta Club Induction, Miss MCHS Pageant, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Sale, Community Service Project, Toy Drive, Can Food Drive for Pomaria Food Bank, etc.
- 2) All logged hours must be completed (on the appropriate forms provided) and turned in by the Beta Club member him/herself to Mrs. Harmon to receive credit. At least 7.5 hours of documented services will need to be submitted by December 22, 2017. The remaining 7.5 hours of service documentation should be submitted by March 2nd, 2018. **After the final deadline, service hours will not be accepted. Please ensure that you meet the deadline to avoid being placed on probation at the start of the new school year.**
- 3) Forms must be signed by a person in charge or with the authority to vouch for your assistance. All dates and times must be correct and verifiable by the person of authority. The contact information of the person vouching for your assistance must be accurate and up to date. If the person listed as the contact for verification of your hours cannot be reached for any reason after multiple attempts by the advisors, your hours may not be eligible. Family members (parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins) are allowed, but only if there is no one else to vouch, **AND** that person happens to be the person who is actually in charge at the event or opportunity in which you are involved.
- 4) The types of service that are eligible for service hour credit must adhere to the following guidelines:
 - a. The event or opportunity in question must benefit the community in some measurable way.
 - b. The Beta Club member assisting with the organization or person in need of assistance must not receive ANY sort of credit, remuneration, or payment of any kind for completing the service.
 - c. Moreover, the Beta Club member must NOT receive credit for any other school team, club, extracurricular activity, or class. Hours required for another event or extracurricular activity are not eligible for Beta Club credit. For example, you can participate in the Special Olympics, as you are not given a grade for participation for a class or participation credit for a club. However, you may not use hours for helping with band, JROTC, pageants (**other than the Miss MCHS Pageant**), student council, Spanish club, chorus, etc. if you are in those clubs/orgs/events yourself and are already receiving credit for them in another capacity. Finally, if an event is sponsored by Beta Club and another organization, your participation will count towards your service hours. Because Beta Club is an organization based on service, we will not endorse "double dipping," but rather we want the community service to increase as a result of your participation in Beta Club. **You cannot receive service hour credit for activities which your parents, etc. require you to do regardless of Beta Club.**
 - d. **Acceptable** types of community service include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Tutoring (not your family members)
 - ii. Volunteering at a shelter or food bank
 - iii. Assisting with clubs and organizations you are NOT a part of and do not otherwise receive credit for assisting
 - iv. Cleaning up trash in your neighborhood or other nearby area in the community
 - v. Assisting the elderly (not your family) at a nursing home or retirement community
 - vi. Volunteer work with any non-profit or religious organization
 - vii. Anything projects sponsored by the Beta Club (events, charity drives, etc.)
 - viii. Holiday-related service (pre-approved by an advisor)
 - e. **Unacceptable** forms of service include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - i. Babysitting, whether you are paid or not
 - ii. Folding/distributing programs at church, sporting events, etc. (Beta Club events are okay)
 - iii. Weekly church tasks like greeting members and visitors, handing out candy, and other activities that are difficult to measure in terms of tangible community benefit
 - iv. Planting gardens or helping family members accomplish daily tasks (laundry, computer-related issues, feeding pets, etc. are just some of the many things we will not honor)
 - v. Driving people around or giving rides

- vi. Donations not sponsored by Beta Club
 - vii. Activities that are difficult to realistically quantify in terms of hours, like writing letters to children in a hospital, etc.
 - viii. Assistance that only benefits your family or friends directly (especially if you would have done anyway, regardless of credit – this includes tutoring your siblings, baking with your grandmother, helping grandpa clean the gutters, etc.)
 - ix. Mowing and other yardwork for family members or for payment (picking up pine cones is not a community service)
 - x. **ANYTHING you get PAID to do, are already required to do in some capacity, or you otherwise get credit for.**
- 5) Failure to complete accurate and approved service hours by the deadline (**March 2nd, 2018 for the 2017-18 school year**) qualifies the Beta Club student to be subject to a probationary period where they will be expected to fulfill the service requirement for the next academic year. Seniors who fail to complete service hours will not be allowed to wear Beta Club regalia at graduation.
- 6) Student officers are expected to fulfill their requirements as officers and as Beta Club members, and are not in any way exempt from completing service hours or maintaining the required GPA.