



HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Strengthening youth leaders
through volunteerism.



United Way
of Defiance County

Community Engagement Center High School Volunteer Program

General Information

The United Way of Defiance County Community Engagement Center (CEC) has been a resource in connecting Defiance County citizens to local volunteer and in-kind donation needs since 2014. The online resource is located at www.volunteerdefiancecounty.com. The program is supported by United Way of Defiance County and funded by the annual United Way of Defiance County Hot Air Balloon Festival and the event's generous sponsors.

To further our mission to engage our community in service we have launched the CEC High School Volunteer Program. Students from all Defiance County schools grades 9th through 12th are invited to participate in this volunteer recognition program. Senior participants, that reach the minimum membership level required, can apply for the Volunteer Leadership Scholarship. **Many students are already serving the community, and we are providing an opportunity to track volunteer hours and be recognized for that service.** We hope that adding a scholarship incentive that can be used to further their career or secondary education will inspire volunteerism and motivate community involvement throughout their lifetime.

Membership Levels and Benefits

Please see page 3 for more information.

Volunteer Leadership Scholarship

Annually, one eligible high school senior will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship that can be used towards any secondary education including skilled labor and job training. Funds can be used towards tuition, books, fees, supplies required for the program of study. Once enrollment is confirmed, UWDC will send a check directly to the institution. Please see page 6 for the scholarship eligibility and application.

Membership Levels and Benefits

Class of 2020

How to get started:

- Sign-up on the Community Engagement Center www.volunteerdefiancecounty.com to become a member.
- Fill out your community interests on your profile and you will be e-mailed volunteer and in-kind donation opportunities that match your interests.
- Browse the website for opportunities to get involved in Defiance County.

How to track volunteer hours:

- Student can respond to volunteer needs on the CEC and then add hours volunteered.
- Student can also include volunteer hours for needs not listed on the CEC. To add volunteer hours, go to your PROFILE. Click TRACK HOURS. Click ADD HOURS. You must include the Date, Location, Hours and a Verification contact (other than family) that can confirm service hours.

What else do I need to know?

Volunteer hours are added up throughout all 4 years to reach membership levels.

Volunteer hours must be submitted on the CEC by March 31st, 2020 to be recognized at the United Way Annual Meeting (Bronze Level and up). All hours submitted after March 31st will continue to go towards future Membership Levels/Benefits.

You may include hours starting in June 2017 with verification contact person included.

Although volunteer work is encouraged to be done in Defiance County, students may include eligible service done in other areas.

These do **NOT** count towards eligible service hours:

- Volunteering required for class credit or involvement in musicals or plays
- Activities that take place during normal worship service and activities like a ski-trip or hayride.
- Helping immediate family with chores or errands (Good for you, though!)
- Anything you are paid for or normally paid for (like working at your job for free)
- Community service hours required by court
- You can add a maximum of 8 hours credit for any 24-hour service period and a maximum of 45 hours credit for any 7-day period. Time for travel to and from site and sleeping overnight do not count towards your CEC hours.

Hour Level	Membership Level	Benefit
1 - 24	Entry-Level	Include CEC on resume/Membership in CEC H.S. Volunteer Program
25	Bronze Member	Recognition at a UW Annual Meeting
50	Silver Member	Invitation to apply for Volunteer Leadership Scholarship Senior year
75	Gold Member	Name on plaque in your school

Volunteer Leadership Scholarship 2020 Information

Who is eligible?

Any Defiance County student in the 12th grade who is a member of the CEC High School Volunteer program and has reached the Gold Member status. For the Class of 2020, this means 25 completed hours of community service since June 2019 added to their CEC profile. Hours must have a verification contact listed. Future intent to complete the 25 hours is acceptable with a verification contact (other than a family member).

How to I apply?

Complete the enclosed application.

One recommendation form completed by a teacher, coach, advisor, employer or volunteer supervisor. Recommendation form is enclosed.

Report volunteer hours at the CEC online www.volunteerdefiancecounty.com.

Class of 2020 applicants must have a minimum of 25 volunteer hours completed since June 2019 and/or planned completion date of June 2020.

An essay in 500 words or less that answers one or more of the following questions:

- What have you learned from a volunteer experience and how does that impact your future?
- How did your volunteer experience shape your future career goal?
- How did your volunteer experience shape your view of your community?
- What role do you see volunteering in your future?
- Based on your volunteer experience, what are the benefits of volunteering?

All application materials must be received by United Way of Defiance County by March 25th, 2019. You may mail or drop off all application materials to 608 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512. Or you may e-mail documents to jessica@unitedwaydefiance.org.

If you are selected for the award, you will be **notified by April 10, 2020**.

How may I use scholarship funds?

United Way of Defiance County will send the \$1,000 award to the secondary education or job training institution once enrollment is verified (form will be provided). Funds can be used towards tuition, books, fees, supplies required for the program of study.

2020 Volunteer Leadership Scholarship Application

Application Deadline is March 25, 2020. Don't forget to submit your essay with the application and report your volunteer hours at www.volunteerdefiancecounty.com!

Student Information

Name of student	E-mail	Phone	
Address	City	State	Zip
College/University/Job Training Institution Name and Address			
Major/Field of Study (if known) or Degree sought/Certification sought			
Extracurricular Activities/Sports/Employment			

Recommendation

Please give the attached recommendation form to a teacher, coach, advisor, employer or volunteer supervisor. Please list the name who will submit the recommendation:

Name	Position
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Declaration by Applicant

I will take responsibility for all other school or training expenses which are in excess of the US \$1,000 grant should I be the recipient of the Volunteer Leadership Scholarship. I grant the United Way of Defiance County permission to use my name and photograph in the literature designed to promote United Way of Defiance County and the Community Engagement Center High School Volunteer Program. I certify that all of the information contained in my application form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the hard copy publication or electronic publication by United Way of Defiance County of material in my application.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____ Date _____



Recommendation for Volunteer Leadership Scholarship Application

Please return this form by March 25, 2019

Applicant: _____
Last Name First Middle (optional)

Recommendation from: _____
Name Position/Title

How do you know the student? _____

The applicant above has applied for the Volunteer Leadership Scholarship. We greatly value and appreciate your opinion. Please discuss the applicant's accomplishments, current academic praises or work/volunteer experience if applicable. Any other comments about how they have made a difference in their school community or greater community? Or have you seen them go above and beyond for a person or a group of people? Feel free to write anything that would help us get a better idea of the character of the student. You can use an additional piece of paper.

How long have you known the student? _____

Please return to United Way of Defiance County at 608 Clinton Street Defiance, Ohio 43512 or by e-mail to jessica@unitedwaydefiance.org.



Enrollment Verification for Volunteer Leadership Scholarship Application