

# Silver Cord Service Program

## THE FOLLOWING ARE IDEAS THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO FULFILL HOURS:

- Volunteering for non-profit community organizations
- Volunteering to help at the Community Food Pantry
- Assisting elderly community members with tasks such as gardening, raking, shoveling; preferably through a community organization such as The Gathering Place, *\*NOT a relative of the student.*
- Volunteering for church projects
- Helping to improve school or village grounds, parks, etc.
- Cleaning roadside ditches or other public areas around the community
- Assisting with Special Olympics
- Assisting at a hospital, shelter or nursing home
- Volunteering for school sponsored activities the student **isn't part** of (track meets, music events, etc.) *\*must be outside of school hours\**
- Blood drives (not for NHS or Student Council credit)
- Volunteering to help coach younger children in sports through a community group
- Volunteer camp counselor
- Volunteer tutor for younger children *\*outside of school hours and not for money*
- **Other service activities as approved** (please check with Community Service Coordinator **before** you perform community service to confirm it would count toward the Silver Cord Program)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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*Teaching students to give their time and talents back to the Milton community.*

## Program Overview

High School seniors who have completed 200 hours of approved volunteer service during their school career will be awarded the Silver Cord to wear for recognition at graduation. The goal of this program is not only to acknowledge students, but to encourage the development of their own leadership and citizenship skills. Students are highly encouraged to volunteer for more than one organization.

Hours start the summer going into a student's Freshmen year of high school with a **start date of June 1st**.

**Additionally, at least 100 hours need to be submitted to maintain in the program by the first week of a student's senior year.**

Students should be submitting online forms frequently and NOT waiting for more than a 6 month period. Forms and contact information can be found on the Milton High School webpage, in Ms. Stieve's room 120, or by emailing [stiever@milton.k12.wi.us](mailto:stiever@milton.k12.wi.us)

Silver Cord hours will be reviewed by the Community Service Coordinator at least once a year. If a double entry was approved it is the responsibility of the student to realize it will be corrected and they will not have those hours.

Community organizations should contact the coordinator so their events can be distributed to students. Students can find these volunteer opportunities on the Milton High School Silver Cord Facebook page, @MHSSilverCord on Twitter and through the MHS student announcements.

**Volunteer opportunities posted:**  
@MHSSilverCord on Twitter  
and in MHS student announcements

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING

- You may not receive money or other compensation for the task.
- You may not have a sport or activity you participate in gain compensation.
- You must perform a service for someone other than family members.
- Chores at home or on the farm and babysitting younger siblings do not count. Nor do performing chores for family friends count.
- All activities must be completed outside of school hours, activities completed during school hours will not count towards the program. (ex. Student Council Blood Drive)
- May not be court ordered or assigned as a punishment for another group.
- May not be minor acts of kindness (holding a door open, etc.)
- May NOT include working for a FOR-PROFIT organization for free.
- May NOT count hours earned while participating in an activities fundraiser.
- May NOT include working for a political party or campaign.
- May NOT include service ordered for good conduct violations.
- May NOT include managing a school sport.
- May NOT include actions done during a church or worship service.
- May NOT count managing high school sports teams.

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

*-Margaret Mead*