



Ogden High School Silver Cord



What is the Silver Cord?

The Silver Cord is awarded to graduating seniors that have completed 200 hours of volunteer service during their high school career. The Silver Cord Program is designed to focus on the importance of community service and to encourage students to invest in their own education and their community on a regular basis during high school. Silver Cord recipients will receive a silver cord to wear on their robes at graduation in recognition of their accomplishments.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Silver Cord program is to encourage volunteerism and allow students to experience the joy of giving back to the community. Volunteering can provide a constructive use of time, foster the exploration of career interests, support youth seeking employment and college admission, and give new graduates the confidence to serve in leadership roles after high school.

Documentation:

Students must log hours for all service activities on the Silver Cord Volunteer Log and summarize each activity at the conclusion of the year on the Silver Cord Award Form. One form will be used for each site or project, and a supervisor at the site must sign each form. Forms can be submitted to the Ogden High School office at any time throughout the school year but must be completed and turned in annually to receive credit for hours. Seniors must submit all Silver Cord forms and documentation by *April 15th*. Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors must submit all Silver Cord forms and documentation by the *last day of school* each year.

Summer Hours:

Service hours can begin the summer before their freshman year. Therefore, the day after 8th grade, students can begin earning silver cord hours.

Acceptable/Non-Acceptable Hours:

Silver Cord hours will be earned by providing a service or meeting a clear need for a non-profit agency, church, school, park, charity program, fundraiser, or community event. The service should be "above and beyond" one's usual scope of involvement. When in doubt, just ask.

The following is not an all-inclusive list but rather a set of examples of acceptable activities.

- Tutoring during study hall, lunch, or any time outside of assigned class time
- Raking of leaves and/or shoveling of snow for a person in need (not family)
- Club volunteer opportunities (community service projects)
- Church activities (Bible school volunteer, teach Sunday school, etc.)
- Volunteer at fundraisers such as Relay for Life
- Volunteer at community events such as Fun Days
- Volunteer at Special Olympics

- City, community, and/or school cleanup
- Blood drive donations
- Bulldog Builders volunteer activities
- Salvation Army bell ringer
- Nursing home/daycare volunteer
- Volunteer youth coaching
- Volunteer work for others
- Other approved activities

The following is not an all-inclusive list but rather a set of examples that can help you understand what types of activities will not qualify.

- Employment compensated hours (Silver Cord hours cannot involve payment of any kind)
- Athletic/academic/club participation
- Sports team managing or training
- School activities that are a requirement
- Any type of school practice (fine arts or sports)
- Anything done during school class time
- Fundraising for self/team
- Anything that earns credit toward a class



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Enrollment Form

Completing this form lets us know that you would like to be a part of the Silver Cord Program. This form will help us keep track of what year you signed up and the hours you will need to complete by your graduation year.

First Name: Last Name:

Current Grade:

Graduation Year:

Enrollment Date:



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Silver Cord Award Form

Use one for each individual activity.

Name:

Year of Graduation: Grade to which hours apply:

Month/Date/Year service started:

Total number of hours completed:

Name of Group/Organization/Event and Service site: (address where service was completed)

Activity performed: (provide detailed description)

Name of coordinator at service site:

Signature of
coordinator: _____

(Coordinator: your signature confirms and verifies the student's completion of service and
number of hours.)

How were you helpful to others and what did you gain from the experience?

OHS Silver Cord Volunteer Log

Name:

Grade:

School Year:

Activity	Person/Organization	Date	*Hours	Adult Verification (Not a parent)

*Hours must be recorded in increments of ¼ hours with extra minutes being rounded to the next ¼ hour.