

What counts as service hours?

There are many ways to earn service hours; and, there are many things that do not count as service hours. In order to be consistent throughout the State of Oregon the following guidelines have been established. Basically individuals earn service hours for non-paid work provided outside your assembly and family.

Assisting others and volunteer work outside your home. This could be:

- Serving dinners for Masonic groups other than your own to which individuals are not paid. (Your assembly may receive a monetary donation – but not individual girls. How you split up your assembly's money is decided in regular meetings.)
- Helping a Masonic group with their fundraiser. For example, Rainbow girls volunteering in the Laurel Assembly Corn Booth would earn service hours. Any Rainbow Girl who helps out at a Job's Daughters, DeMolay, Mason, Eastern Star, or Amaranth fundraiser would earn service hours.
- Assisting with Pledge activities.
- Assisting with projects in a place of worship such as a church.
- Volunteering for tutoring at a school. For example Math tutor at a middle school or a Band Camp helper (but not as a participant).
- Volunteering or helping with projects at a health care or daycare center.
- Staffing an informational booth. Such as a table at the Shrine Circus, KidFest, a fair or other convention type event.
- Volunteering or helping at community events such as neighborhood or street fairs, Race for the Cure, Heartwalk, or a local sporting event (not as a competing participant, but as a helper/volunteer).
- Volunteering at a food bank or a local animal shelter.
- Time spent donating blood.
- Be a volunteer Outdoor School or camp councilor (don't include sleeping or off duty parts of the day).
- Cleaning a park or cemetery.
- Picking up trash along a highway.

Helping at events of an assembly other than your own or for other Masonic groups. This could be:

- Participating in another assembly's meetings, initiations, installations (i.e., filling in a station, serving cake, etc.). This does not include being an installing officer.

What are NOT service hours:

- Attending Rainbow or other Masonic events (unless you are helping).
- Participating as an installing officer in an installation (this is an honor).
- Babysitting or other activity for family for free (that is being in a family).
- Getting paid for doing something (that is a job).
- A fundraiser where you directly benefit.
- Participation in a school club (club meetings).
- A school assignment required for class or graduation.
- Not political (volunteering for a campaign, etc.)

QUESTIONS? Contact the current State Miss Service or the Director of State Miss Service.