

★ **JACKSON PARISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** ★
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

This is a cash award presented annually to one senior (Class of 2022) who is a resident of Jackson Parish and is enrolled in a parish high school or a home school program.

What is Community Service?

Community service is volunteering time and effort, outside of one's family and immediate circle of friends, to assist the community or school organizations in their work to serve and benefit others. Students can expand and develop skills, better appreciate their ability to help others, build pride in themselves and their community, and promote a sense of caring and citizenship. Service can be at school, at church, or in the community. **Participants cannot receive any monetary compensation.**

Why is Community Service Important?

Participating in community service activities builds positive character attributes and enhances the personal qualities needed for success as an adult. Students can include their activities on scholarship applications, college admission applications, or when applying for employment.

Examples of Community Service

Athletes who volunteer as coaches for the summer or Saturday youth sports programs.
Cheerleading squads who volunteer for a Face Painting booth at a community activity.
Clubs or organizations that sell candy, hold car washes, or have bake sales with **ALL** proceeds designated to a local community group or charity. Individual activities could include tutoring before or after school or sponsoring a campus wide clean-up.

OTHER EXAMPLES: donate blood, help with a clean-up after a storm, help an elderly neighbor, volunteer with a youth church activity (does not include singing in the choir or teaching Sunday school), collecting for Toys for Tots, a food drive, or a coat drive.

***NOTE: Participation ALONE in athletics, cheerleading/dance team, membership in clubs and organizations, honors, or awards does not qualify as community service.**

★ **Community Service Guidelines** ★

Community Service activities: from June 1, 2021 to Mid-April 2022

How chosen: A committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce

Presentation: Decision of each school or group

School Contact: Designated by each school

Chamber Contact: See below

Service Logs: Activities must be recorded on a Service Log with an adult signature (not from a parent).

Letter of recommendation: 2 letters from supervisors of community activities

Pictures: 1 individual (posed) picture & photos while participating in the community service projects

Parental Acknowledgement of Participation form.

All forms will be available on the chamber's webpage at jacksonparishchamber.org . **Must be returned to Chamber office (not mailed)**

Note: School-related service projects should have a sponsor/coach/volunteer in charge. You're not limited to school only and can organize your own project but will need an adult supervisor to sign your logs.

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Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award
PARENTAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE GUIDELINES

Student's Name: _____

School: _____

I am the parent or legal guardian of the student named above and do acknowledge his/her participation in the 2021-22 Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award program.

I know that the school-sponsored activities will have a sponsor or coordinator in charge; however, any self-initiated activities will require supervision of an adult other than a parent.

Parent or Legal Guardian:

Name/Print: _____

Name/Signature: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Cell: _____ Home Phone: _____

Return this form to the Jackson Parish Chamber of Commerce:

102 4th St. (Physical) Jonesboro LA

8:00 to 12 M-W-F

Acrylic mail box to right of front door for after-hours

- Fax: 318-395-8539
- E-Mail attachment: wsmithcoc@aol.com

Questions: 318-259-4693 Voice Mail available

After returning the form, please call to verify it has been received.

If you need to return the form after 11:30, call Wilda Smith, Chamber Director @ 318-259-4693. She will set up a drop-off time to meet your schedule. Voice Mail available.

