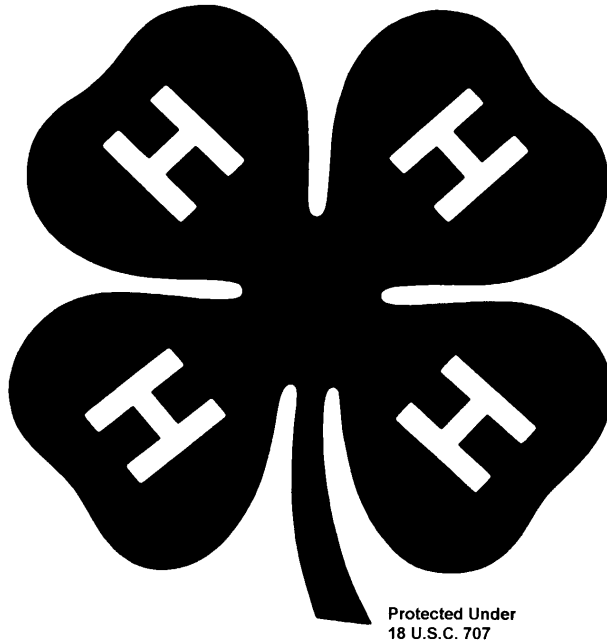


Cornell Cooperative Extension
Suffolk County

4-H Community Service Program for Teens



Project Information Certificate Criteria and Application Award Criteria and Application

Cooperative Extension-Suffolk County
Suffolk County Farm and Education Center
350 Yaphank Avenue
Yaphank, NY 11980

4-H Community Service

Community service is an important aspect of 4-H Club work. It helps you develop a sense of responsibility to your community. It lays the groundwork for future years, when, as adults, you will take an active part in the government and environment in which you live. Community Service makes for a better **PERSON**—a better **COMMUNITY**—a better **COUNTRY**—and a better **WORLD** for all!

4-H Community Service Project

(For 4-Hers 12-19 years of age)

Complete a minimum of 12 hours of volunteer service to any combination of individuals, groups, and or organizations in the community.

Completion of this project earns you a project credit, fulfills the community service requirement for the “Outstanding 4-H Member Award” and may be used toward the “Seal of Achievement” 4-H Club requirement. Use the Community Service Work Chart to record your services as they are performed. Mail the completed form to the 4-H office by August 1st of the current year.

4-H Community Service Certificate

(For 4-Hers 14 years of age and older as of January 1st of the current club year)

Certificates will be awarded to teens who have completed at least 12 hours of service including at least six hours devoted to a single cause done on a regular basis over a period of several weeks or months.

Summarize all work done for each cause, fill in the Summary of Community Service Work Performed and have your total hours verified by a representative of the group you served. Mail the form to the 4-H office by the August 1st of the current year.

4-H Community Service Award

(For 4-Hers 15 years of age and older as of January 1st of the current club year)

This one-time recognition may be given to an individual.

Award Criteria:

1. The 4-Her (or each 4-Her in the group or club) must be the recipient of a Community Service Certificate for two consecutive years, including the current year.
2. The applicant must submit a descriptive report about the community services undertaken. The report should cover both the previous and current year's efforts.

Awards will be given in recognition of effort expended in community service and the positive impact upon others in the community.

Examples of Community Service:

- Shop for or visit a neighbor once a week.
- Be a hospital or nursing home volunteer.
- Tutor a younger child on a regular basis.
- Work with a local conservation group.
- Help at a local museum or historical site.

If applying for a Community Service Certificate or Award, return this section to the 4-H Office:

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SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK PERFORMED

Services Performed	Dates	Total Hours	Verifying Signature

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CERTIFICATE AND/OR AWARD

- I am applying for a Community Service Certificate. I have completed 12 hours of community service including at least six hours devoted to a single cause, as listed above.

- I would like to be considered for the Community Service Award. I received a Community Service Certificate last year and am applying for another one this year. A descriptive report about my service is on the back of this sheet.

Name of Member: _____

Age (as of January 1st of the club year): _____

Name of Club: _____

Signature of 4-H Leader: _____

Date: _____

