

COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AWARD

*"Volunteering is an act of heroism on a grand scale. And it matters profoundly.
It does more than help people beat the odds; it changes the odds."*

– William J. Clinton

Volunteers make a difference in individual lives as well as communities. Many of these contributions of time and talent are given by concerned and dedicated youth. To recognize these efforts, the Sheriff of Cook County, Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, sponsors the *Sheriff's Office Commitment to Service Award*. This award is given to **residents of Cook County**, grades 9-12, who have provided meaningful volunteer service to their communities. A minimum of **100 hours** of voluntary (unpaid) community service is required to qualify.

Youth Application Procedure:

1. Complete Parts I - IV. Please type or print.
2. Part IV must be signed and completed by a project supervisor for each of your volunteer experiences.

Eligible Community Service Hours:

- Must equal a minimum of 100 hours (not including hours served as a school requirement)
 - Must be earned between **September 1, 2025 and August 31, 2026**
 - Applicant must be a high school student (grades 9 - 12) while volunteering
 - May be direct service, fundraising, planning, or support activities
 - May be performed independently under a service supervisor, or with one or more organizations, or religious groups
 - Service performed at school during school hours will **not** be accepted
 - Must be for the benefit of the community (services to family, friends, or extra-curricular school and sport activities, i.e. Theater, will **not** be accepted)
3. Return completed application to:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AWARD

Cook County Sheriff's Office

Attn: Sheriff's Empowering Leaders for the Future (SELF)

1401 S Maybrook Dr., Room 150

Maywood, IL 60153

OR EMAIL:

ccso.comserve@ccsheriff.org

Postmarked no later than **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026**

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Candidate Information

(Please type or print)

PART I: COMPLETE IN FULL

NAME:

Last

First

Middle

ADDRESS:

(Cook County Residents Only)

Street

City

Zip

TELEPHONE:

(Home)

(Cell)

DATE OF BIRTH:

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SEX: M

F

2025/2026

SCHOOL:

Name

Town

GRADE LEVEL:

School Year

EMAIL ADDRESS:

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

(Home)

(Cell)

(if different from above)

PART II

Organizations/Volunteer Sites	REQUIRED Supervisor's Statement(s) (Part IV) (attached-please check)		Hours
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
(use a separate sheet if necessary)	Total		_____
			(100 hrs. minimum)

PART III: PERSONAL STATEMENT

In 100 words, describe what you feel has been the value of your community service to others and to yourself.

(Use a separate sheet and attach)

Reproduce additional copies of Part IV as needed.

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Candidate Information

(Please type or print)

PART IV: COMPLETE IN FULL

Service supervisor's statement for: _____

Name of Candidate

NAME OF SUPERVISOR: _____

POSITION: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____
Street City Zip

Describe each of the community service activities, (including number of hours worked) for which the candidate was under your supervision. Attach additional paperwork if necessary.

Please comment on how the above listed activities benefited the community.

I hereby verify that _____ has performed _____ hours of voluntary (non-paid) community service with the organization named above between **September 1, 2025 and August 31, 2026.**

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

NOTE: Part IV must be included from each project supervisor. Those service hours without a corresponding service supervisor's statement will be considered incomplete.

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