

Thomas J. Dart
Sheriff



COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE DEPARTMENT
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August 23, 2021

Dear Friend,

I would like to inform you that applications are available for the Cook County Sheriff's Commitment to Service Award. This award is given to young people throughout Cook County who contributed at least 100 hours of volunteer service to their communities. Collectively, over the last eight years, recipients have provided over 250,000 hours of service in hospitals, churches, and other charitable organizations.

This is an outstanding honor and the Sheriff's Office is proud to recognize these young people. I encourage you to distribute the enclosed application so we can continue this tradition of recognition.

This award is available to students who reside in Cook County and have completed at least 100 hours of volunteer service while in grades 9-12 between September 1, 2020 and August 31, 2021. The application must be postmarked no later than October 31, 2021.

Thank you for your cooperation in this process. Please reproduce additional copies as needed. If you have any questions about the qualifications or the application process, please call the Juvenile Justice & Advocacy Unit at 708-865-2900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Dart", written in a cursive style.

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Cook County Sheriff

COOK COUNTY SHERIFF THOMAS J. DART 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 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, 2020 and August 31, 2021**
 - 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 Juvenile Justice & Advocacy Unit
1401 Maybrook Drive
Room 150
Maywood, IL 60153
708-865-2900
OR EMAIL:
ccso.comserve@ccsheriff.org

Postmarked no later than **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021**

SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AWARD

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: ____/____/____ SEX: M ____ F ____

SCHOOL: _____ GRADE LEVEL: _____ 2020/2021
Name Town 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, 2020 and August 31, 2021.**

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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