

Cook County Sheriff
Thomas J. Dart
Youth Service Medal of Honor

“Community service has been a life-changing experience for me. It has helped me build character, integrity and respect. I am proud to say that the lessons I learned while volunteering have changed me for the better and have become an important part of who I am.

*Jack Neylon– Oak Forest
2014 Medal of Honor Recipient*

Volunteers make a difference in individual lives as well as communities. Many of these contributions of time and talent are given by concerned and committed youth. To recognize these efforts, the Sheriff of Cook County will sponsor the *Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor*. 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.
3. The first 300 applicants who meet the requirements and complete and submit the application on time, may earn the Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor.

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, 2014 and August 31, 2015
- 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)

4. Return completed application to:

SHERIFF'S YOUTH SERVICE MEDAL OF HONOR

Cook County Sheriff Youth Services Department

1401 Maybrook Drive

Room 204

Maywood, IL 60153

708-865-2900

Postmarked no later than October 26, 2015

SHERIFF'S YOUTH SERVICE MEDAL OF HONOR

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: _____ 2014/2015 SCHOOL YEAR
Name Town

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) <small>(attached - please check)</small>	Hours
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____ <small>(Use a separate sheet if necessary)</small>	_____	_____
	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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(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 paper work 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, 2014 and August 31, 2015

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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