



COMMUNITY SERVICE

News and Opportunities

HOSA members have always taken a great deal of pride in their service to the community. Service learning is a wonderful way to understand more about the local health care community. Volunteer service also gives HOSA members an opportunity to give something back to those in need.

The National HOSA Competitive Events Program offers three events that provide service learning opportunities:

- **National Service Project** – HOSA members provide volunteer service or fundraising for HOSA's National Service Project. Our partner organization for 2003-04 is the American Cancer Society (ACS). Chapters are encouraged to work with their local ACS office in developing their chapter Program of Work.
<http://www.hosa.org/natorg/sectb/catv/natserv.pdf>
- **Barbara James Service Award** – This award recognizes individual HOSA members for volunteer service in their local communities. It is an award all HOSA members should strive to achieve. In addition, HOSA members who document over 100 hours of community service will also receive the President's Volunteer Service Award.
<http://www.hosa.org/natorg/sectb/catv/bjames.pdf>
- **Community Awareness** – This competitive event invites the HOSA chapter to identify a need in the community and then conduct activities designed to inform the community about the selected area of need.
<http://www.hosa.org/natorg/sectb/catv/ca.pdf>

Do You Want to Do More?

Many HOSA members are familiar with the President's Volunteer Service Award, but did you know that a similar award is available for all members of your community? That's right. The USA Freedom Corps is the President's program designed to encourage community service.

One option HOSA chapters have is to become a certifying organization. "Certifying organizations" review records of service and recommend award winners. Schools and non-profit organizations are eligible to become a certifying organization. As a certifying organization, your HOSA chapter could recognize HOSA advisors, school faculty, family members, and local healthcare professionals who provide community service.

Visit the web site at http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov/for_volunteers/awards_scholarships/presidents_council.asp for more information.

How can an organization become a "certifying organization?"

If you are with a school or non-profit organization and are interested in having it become a "certifying organization," please e-mail your name, organization name, address, and telephone number to awards@usafreedomcorps.gov.

