



# Barbara James Service Award

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***New for 2020-2021***

Editorial updates have been made for clarity.

## Event Summary

The Barbara James Service Awards provides members with the opportunity to become contributing members of their communities by performing worthy volunteer community service hours related to health. The Barbara James Service Award is in memory of Barbara James, 1982-83 HOSA Inc. Board Chairman. Her leadership skills and contributions to HOSA exemplify the caring and compassion of HOSA members. This award aims to inspire members to be proactive future health professionals and recognize individual HOSA members who have a commitment to community service in health.

## General Rules

1. Competitors in this event must be active members of HOSA-Future Health Professionals and in good standing in the division in which they are registered to compete (Middle School, Secondary or Postsecondary/Collegiate).
2. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the [“General Rules and Regulations of the HOSA Competitive Events Program \(GRR\).”](#)

## Tracking Hours

3. Members must be officially affiliated through HOSA – Future Health Professionals before proceeding. Members will follow the [Member Instructions](#) for entering activity information and hours in the [HOSA Activity Tracking System](#).
4. Chapter advisors will follow the [Chapter Advisor Instructions](#) and [log-in to their chapter](#) to approve or deny hours in the HOSA Activity Tracking System.

It is up to the chapter advisor to determine the process they want to use to ensure the hours were volunteered, so they can confidently follow the instructions to “approve” the hours.

5. The HOSA Activity Tracking System direct link is:  
<https://apps.hosa.org/#member-activity/input>
6. **Recipients of this award will be determined by the APPROVED data in the HOSA Activity Tracking System.**

## Timeline and Recognition Levels/Process

7. For national recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2020 through May 15, 2021. Activities must be entered and **APPROVED** by chapter advisors in the online HOSA Activity Tracking System by midnight on May 15, 2021. The number of approved hours in the system is what will be used to identify recognition levels at the International Leadership Conference.

8. For state recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2020 through the state published deadline. State Advisors will communicate state-level deadlines. Activities must be entered and **APPROVED** by chapter advisors in the online HOSA Activity Tracking System by midnight on the state published deadline. The number of approved hours in the system is what will be used to identify recognition levels at the State Leadership Conference.
9. All individual HOSA members who complete a minimum of one hundred (100) hours of service between June 1, 2020 and the state conference registration deadline (for state recognition) or as determined by the state advisor, will be recognized. For National Recognition, HOSA members must complete at least one hundred (100) hours of service between June 1, 2020 and May 15, 2021.

Levels of recognition:

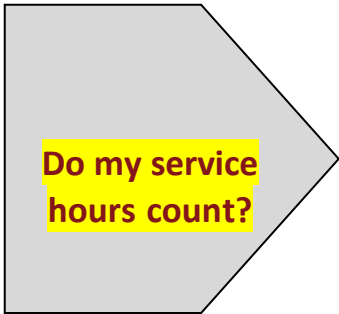
- Bronze Level: 100.0 – 174.9 approved hours
- Silver Level: 175.0 – 249.9 approved hours
- Gold Level: 250.0+ approved hours

10. Member names receiving recognition may be posted on the National HOSA website. Those members will be recognized with a certificate. The certificate will be distributed to the State Advisor during the designated registration time at the International Leadership Conference. Those members attending International Leadership Conference and earning recognition will walk across the stage during the National Recognition Session to receive a pin. Gold, silver and bronze medals are not awarded for this and other recognition events at the national level.

**Eligible Hours**

11. **DOES THIS ACTIVITY COUNT? Not all volunteer hours provide community service. Only community service hours that are performed for the common good, AND related to health should be approved for this event. Advisors must take responsibility to assure that only true community service hours are approved.**

*For Example: You can volunteer to babysit your neighbor's children for free – that's volunteering, but it's not community service. On the other hand, if you volunteer at the local flu clinic helping provide shots to underprivileged children, that is health related community service and would work perfectly for this event!*



**Some Questions to ask yourself as the HOSA Member or as the Chapter Advisor before approving activities:**

- What service opportunities will help the HOSA member be the best health professional in the future?
- Is the activity something that makes the HOSA member step outside their comfort zone?
- Does the activity provide a service to the community?
- Does this activity meet a need in your community?
- Does the activity relate to health?
- Is the activity related to the health science curriculum?

**Examples of Approved Community Service:**

- Volunteer at a senior center or hospice or as a hospital/health facility volunteer
- HOSA activities that serve the community - in the community (flu clinic, blood drive, community health fair)
- Fundraising for charity or the community (American Red Cross, March of Dimes, American Cancer Society)

- Church activities that serve the community at-large and are health related
- Rescue squad volunteer

**Examples** of volunteer activities that are **NOT** approved for this award:

- Service to a church (singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, activities for the congregation, etc.)
- Activities that promote HOSA (parade float, fair booth, etc.)
- Activities as part of the HOSA Service Project

#### **OPTION FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL RECOGNITION**

12. Local chapter advisors may order the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) for chapter members who exceed 100 hours (50 hours for those aged 11-15) of community service.

\*Please read the Chapter Advisor Memo in these guidelines for the details. The PVSA will NOT be awarded at the state or national levels and is not part of this recognition event. It is an EXTRA award that is tied to volunteering that can be done at the local level, if desired.

## Chapter Advisor Memo

Please encourage your chapter members to participate in service activities, and then track those hours on the online HOSA Activity Tracking System

- ★ Ask a chapter officer to take responsibility for the project. He/she can help you through the online registration process, and encourage other chapter members to get involved.
- ★ Remember, this is service to YOUR community.

At the time these guidelines were published, **anyone who completes 50 or 100 or more hours of community service (depending on their age) can also earn the President's Volunteer Service Award.** The President's Volunteer Service Challenge is a White House initiative which recognizes young Americans with awards and scholarships for outstanding community service, while encouraging more young people to serve.

Chapter advisors can purchase and present this award at the local level by becoming a certifying organization. [Online registration for becoming a certifying organization is outlined here.](#)

President's Volunteer Service Awards can be ordered in the spring and presented at a dignified local ceremony, such as a school-wide awards day, meeting of the local Board of Education, or other occasion where students are recognized for their achievements.

- HOSA Awards are earned for 100 or more hours of volunteer service as documented in the HOSA Activity Tracking System.
- **Presidents Volunteer Service Awards is an optional addition, and can be ordered and presented at the local level.**
- **The President's Volunteer Service Award is IN ADDITION to the Barbara James Service Award. State or National HOSA does not award it. It is something additional a local chapter may choose to award.**
- Please visit <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/> for more information.



**Bronze Level**  
100-174 hours



**Silver Level**  
175-249 hours



**Gold Level**  
250 hours or more

\*Recognition levels change for those students aged 11-15. See website above for specifics.

**Don't miss out on this additional opportunity to recognize HOSA members for making a positive difference in their communities!**