

Barbara James Service Award



New for 2023 - 2024

These guidelines are written for ILC. States may modify events or have different event processes and deadlines. Be sure to check with your Local/State Advisor (or state website) to determine how the event is implemented for the regional/area or state conference. Editorial updates have been made. Clarification about recognition event overlap has been added.

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.
2. **Eligible Divisions:** Middle School, Secondary, and Postsecondary/Collegiate are eligible to participate in this event.
3. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the "[General Rules and Regulations of the HOSA Competitive Events Program \(GRR\)](#)."

Tracking Hours

4. 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](#).
5. 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.
6. The HOSA Activity Tracking System direct link is: <https://apps.hosa.org/#member-activity/input>
7. **Recipients of this award will be determined by the APPROVED data in the HOSA Activity Tracking System.**

Timeline and Recognition Levels/Process

8. For international recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2023 through May 15, 2024. Activities must be entered and **APPROVED** by chapter advisors in the online HOSA Activity

Tracking System by midnight on May 15, 2024. The number of approved hours in the system is what will be used to identify recognition levels at the International Leadership Conference.

9. For Chartered Association recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2023 through the Chartered Association published deadline. State Advisors will communicate Chartered Association-level deadlines. Activities must be entered and **APPROVED** by chapter advisors in the online HOSA Activity Tracking System by midnight on the Chartered Association published deadline. The number of approved hours in the system is what will be used to identify recognition levels at the Chartered Association Leadership Conference.
10. All individual HOSA members who complete a minimum of one hundred (100) hours of service between June 1, 2023 and the Chartered Association conference registration deadline (for Chartered Association recognition) or as determined by the state advisor, will be recognized. For International Recognition, HOSA members must complete at least one hundred (100) hours of service between June 1, 2023 and May 15, 2024.

Levels of recognition:

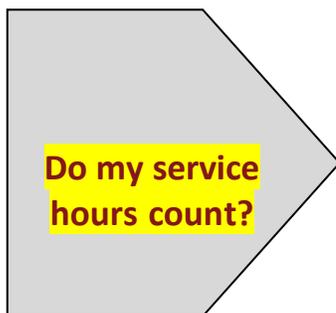
- Bronze Level: 100 – 174.9 approved hours
- Silver Level: 175 – 249.9 approved hours
- Gold Level: 250 + approved hours

11. 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 International Recognition Session to receive a pin. Gold, silver and bronze medals are not awarded for this event at the international level.

Eligible Hours

12. **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, 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

13. During the membership years: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 all blood drives hosted with America's Blood Center partner blood centers will be tracked using the process outlined in the new America's Blood Centers and HOSA Blood Drives recognition event guidelines. For these years we are asking chapters not to track these events through the Barbara James Service Award. Blood drive events submitted as a BJSA will not be approved by advisors during these years. For blood drives conducted outside of the United States or where an ABC blood center is not located, they CAN be tracked through the Barbara James Service Award.

OPTION FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL RECOGNITION

14. 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 Chartered Association or International 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.

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.

Overlap with other Recognition Events:

15. Activities used for the Barbara James Service Award should NOT be used for American Red Cross Volunteer Recognition. Any activities and volunteerism done through and in conjunction with American Red Cross should be used in the American Red Cross Volunteer Recognition event. Other community service activities outside of American Red Cross can be tracked as part of this Barbara James Service Award.
16. Blood Drives with American Red Cross will count for American Red Cross Volunteer Recognition. Blood Drives with America's Blood Center partner blood centers will count for the America's Blood Center event. Any other blood drive conducted that is not with ARC or ABC should be counted as part of Barbara James Service Award.



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. They 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.](#)

- 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. Chartered Associations or National HOSA does not award it. It is something additional a local chapter may choose to award.**
- Please visit <https://presidentalserviceawards.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!