



United Way
of Pierce County

**DEADLINE FOR
APPLICATION IS
APRIL 1, 2012**

Submit materials to:

Varsity Letter in Community Service
C/O United Way of Pierce County
PO BOX 2215
Tacoma, WA 98401

Questions?

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253-597-6685
youthunited@uwpc.org
www.uwpc.org

What to expect after you apply:

-You will be notified upon receipt of your application via email or phone **by 4/9/12**
-You will then be notified of your award status **no later than 5/7/12**
-Varsity Letters will be awarded at an award ceremony in late May and you will receive a formal invitation by mail and notification via email or phone.
-After the event they will be **available for pick up** at the United Way office only and **cannot be mailed**.

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VARSITY LETTER IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

2011-2012 School Year

Each year, United Way of Pierce County partners with Pierce County schools to recognize and reward students for their volunteer efforts in the community. Students who volunteer 145 or more hours of service in a year can earn their school varsity letter, the same as those earned by athletes and musicians. There are three different award levels: bronze (145-174 hours), silver (175-249 hours) and gold (250+ hours).

Applicants must meet the following basic qualifications:

- Be a student in grades 9-12 in a Pierce County school
- Complete at least 145 hours of community service from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012
- Must have at least 50 hours of non-school related volunteering (i.e. a nonprofit or civic service setting)
- Must have at least one school related activity (no hour requirement)
- All volunteer activities must be verifiable
- Meet the 2.0 GPA requirement

Application requirements:

- No staples
- MUST be legible and written in pen or typed (no pencil)
- Make a copy of your entire application for your future reference
- Your application must be **RECEIVED** by April 1st 2012 (Applications may be mailed, delivered in person or faxed provided they are legible)

All the hours you have earned since April 1st 2011 count toward your final completed hours.

**VISIT US ONLINE FOR A FULL LIST OF
REQUIREMENTS, INSTRUCTIONS, HELPFUL HINTS &
FAQ's AT www.uwpc.org/LetterinCommService.htm
OR CALL (253) 597-6685 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

OFFICE USE ONLY:
LCS# _____
WS# _____
CALLS: _____

VARSITY LETTER IN COMMUNITY SERVICE APPLICATION

Deadline April 1, 2012



First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name Pronunciation: _____
(Include first & last name, i.e. Jane Doewirth = Jayne Doe-Worth)

High School: _____ Expected Graduation Year : _____
(If attending Junior High School, please indicate both current Junior High and expected High School)

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred contact, please include both:

Phone :() _____ Email: _____

ATTENTION SENIORS! You qualify to apply for the Willie Stewart Community Service Scholarship, ranging from \$750-\$2,000. Applications are available at www.uwpc.org or youthunited@uwpc.org.

Are you applying? Yes No (*Willie Stewart Application is due with your Varsity Letter Application.*)

Please choose one of the following options:

- I have previously received my Varsity Letter in Community Service
- I have previously received my Varsity Letter for a different activity
- I have never received my High School's Varsity Letter for any activities

How many hours did you volunteer?

_____ Total number of hours served through school-related activities (at least one activity)
+ _____ Total number of hours served outside of school related activities (at least 50 hours)
= _____ **Total number of hours served between 4/01/11 and 3/31/12 (Must be at least 145)**

Student Agreement:

I attest that I performed the documented hours of community service included in the attached verification forms and met all the qualifications as outlined by United Way of Pierce County's website. To my knowledge, these hours are valid and count toward my earning the Varsity Letter in Community Service.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Agreement:

I hereby assign to United Way of Pierce County all rights to video and audio recordings and all photographs of my child made in connection with Letter in Community Service activities. I hereby authorize editing, duplication, reproduction, copyright, exhibition, broadcast and/or other use and distribution of such recordings or quotations for purposes deemed suitable by United Way of Pierce County. I also waive any right to approve or disapprove the finished products.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

**We would also like the opportunity to keep you informed of our programs, and would like to add you to our confidential mailing list. If you prefer not to be added please check the box. Please DO NOT contact me*

Email: _____ Youth United News Volunteer Center News

VARSITY LETTER IN COMMUNITY SERVICE ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Deadline April 1, 2012



This form MUST BE completed and returned WITH your application in order for it to be considered complete.

United Way of Pierce County requires students earning their Varsity Letter in Community Service to be in good standing with the school they attend. Students receiving their letters must meet the same academic requirements and eligibility guidelines as other Varsity Letter recipients as they are set forth by their school.

United Way of Pierce County requires that Varsity Letter in Community Service recipients maintain at least a 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA).

The academic eligibility check must be completed by an appropriate staff member. In most schools this may be the athletic secretary. If you are unclear on whom this person is, please ask in the main office.

It is important to remember: This may take a few days to process. Do not wait until the last minute to get this form signed. Please complete the following form and return it with your Varsity Letter in Community Service application. We will not be able to process ANY application without a signed eligibility form. If you neglected to get this form signed and fear your application will not be accepted, please call us at 253-597-6685. We cannot accept a transcript in lieu of this form.

Student Name (*Print*): _____

School: _____

I verify that, as of (*date*) _____, the above listed student meets the academic standards and good standing requirements as set forth by (*school name*) _____ and the 2.0 GPA requirement set forth by United Way of Pierce County.

Staff Member Name (*Print*): _____

Staff Signature: _____

Contact Phone: _____

VARSIY LETTER IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

APPLICATION CHECK LIST



This checklist is to help you ensure that your application is complete. It does not need to be included with your application.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions about your volunteer work and how to count it at youthunited@uwpc.org or 253-597-6685. We have a list of Helpful Hints and Frequently Asked Questions available on our website at www.uwpc.org/LetterinCommService.htm to assist you in preparing your application. We also have a pdf of a completed application for you to see.

- I have included the student information page of the application with my signature and the signature of my parent/guardian
- I have included a completed academic eligibility form
- I have included verification forms documenting all of my volunteer work that I'd like considered for this award
- I have made a copy of my application for my future reference
- I am confident that my documented volunteer work is not being counted for graduation or class requirements
- My volunteer work meets the guidelines as outlined on the United Way website: www.uwpc.org/LetterinCommService.htm
 - I have at least one school-related volunteer activity & at least 50 of my total hours are with non-school related activities
- My application will be received by United Way by **April 1st 2012**

- Seniors only:** If I plan to apply for the Willie Stewart Community Service Scholarship I have included the scholarship application with this packet

