

LIVE UNITED



United Way of Olmsted County

903 West Center Street, Suite 100
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United Way's mission is to unite people and resources to improve people's lives in our community. We fight for the *education, health, and financial stability* of every individual, and for *community resiliency* in the areas we serve. We encourage students to perform their volunteer service in our community impact areas.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
MARCH 1, 2025**

How to submit materials:

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VARSDITY LETTER IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

PROGRAM YEAR: March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following basic qualifications:

- Be a student in grades 9-12
- Attend school in Olmsted, Dodge, Winona, or Fillmore Counties during the 2024-2025 school year. (Homeschooled students affiliated with a local school district are also eligible to apply.)
- Complete at least 100 hours of community service during the program year:
 - 60 hours must be completed locally
- Participate in at least one school-related volunteer opportunity
 - *Maximum* 60 hours of school-related service
- Turn in all of the required materials by the application deadline.

Application Requirements

To apply, submit the following materials:

1. A 'reflection piece' that includes the following:

- What you have learned about yourself during your volunteer experience over the program year
- What you have discovered about your community through the experience
- What you enjoyed most about the experience
- How you feel this experience has shaped you and your worldview

2. A volunteer hour tracker that includes the following:

- Dates of Volunteer Service
- Name of Agency
- Name of Volunteer Supervisor
- Dates of Volunteer Service
- Area of Impact (Financial Stability, Youth Opportunity, Healthy Communities, Community Resilience, Other)
- A description of the service performed
- # of Hours at the Agency

3. A verification of volunteer service for each organization:

- A photograph of the applicant performing the volunteer service *or*
- Written verification from the volunteer supervisor

4. A personal information and signature sheet signed by the student and a parent/guardian.