



HILTON-PARMA HAMLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

P.O. Box 143
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Dear Graduating Senior:

Are you currently involved in our community?

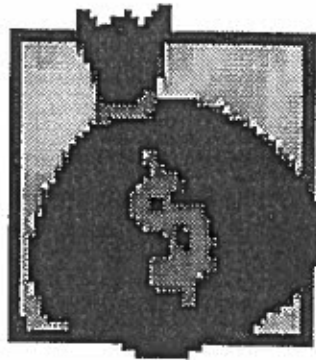
What are you doing outside of school on a volunteer basis to help improve the community?

What are your thoughts on how we can help improve our community?

... Think about it

... Then tell us about it!

We think you'll like the results!



The Hilton-Parma-Hamlin Chamber of Commerce is pleased to again sponsor *cash awards* in recognition of excellent community service to our graduating seniors. Our first recognition program was in 1991, with one cash award of \$250.00. We have since expanded our program to recognize the top community service volunteers with *cash prizes totaling \$1,200!*

The requirements are simple!

Just let us know what volunteer work you're currently doing, either this year or last, to help the community and tell us what you think we can do to help improve our community and to open up more local volunteer opportunities.

We look forward to receiving your application!

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: MAY 1

HILTON-PARMA-HAMLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

There *are four absolute criteria* for a nominee:

- Nominee is a resident within the Hilton School District and a senior at Hilton High School
- Nominee is a graduating senior currently performing community service on a volunteer basis
- All volunteer service must be for the *community*. i.e. church, neighbors, any volunteer organization, etc. (School activities such as sporting events, plays, music do NOT qualify,
- The essay must be typed by the nominee.

Additional emphasis will be given for nominees that:

- perform community service on a volunteer basis *within the Hilton-Parma-Hamlin area*
- show on-going length of service and commitment to volunteering

As you consider those worthy of nomination, please think of youth who may have exhibited one or more of these desirable qualities:

- is an exceptional volunteer
- is an outstanding "good neighbor"
- is one who has given service to the community or other peers
- is always willing to help out

General Guidelines:

- Although this recognition is designed to reward an individual nominating themselves, it is not limited to self-nominations. You may nominate anyone you feel is worthy of a nomination, however, the essay must be written by the nominee.
- A completed application must be *received* by the deadline to be judged. Late applications will be rejected.
- A contact name and phone # must be provided to confirm each volunteer activity. Each contact will be called to confirm that the volunteer activity did, in fact, take place.
- Each applicant must write an essay on the following topic:
"How can we help improve our community?"
- Emphasis will be given for a well thought-out, organized essay. Be sure to describe *how to* help improve our community.
- Bonus points will be given for including ideas on what we can do to increase volunteer opportunities in our community.
- Applications will be available in the High School Counseling Office.
- Applications must be turned in the High School Counseling Office **no later than May 1.**

**Hilton-Parma-Hamlin Chamber of Commerce
Community Service Award APPLICATION**

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____

Return completed application
 to the Hilton High School
 Counseling Office by
MAY 1ST.

Nominated by: _____ Self
 _____ Other (Name & Phone, please) _____

Please note that the nominee must write the essay

Please list all community service. Keep in mind that emphasis will be given for volunteer service done in the Hilton-Parma area and for on-going volunteer service. Go ahead, list everything!

Community Service Performed	Reference Name/Phone # (Yes, we're going to call them!)	Length of Time Volunteered

Please feel free to add any additional comments:

Your Guidance Counselor must sign your application to confirm that you are a graduating senior.

Guidance Counselor Signature

Date

Essay

Please attach a typed essay on the following topic:

"How can we help improve our community?"

*Emphasis will be given for a well thought-out, organized essay. Be sure to include **how to**. Bonus points will be given for including ideas on what we can do to increase volunteer opportunities in our community.*

Note: There is no minimum or maximum length. Points will be awarded based upon content.