

Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School
Silver Cord Program

The purpose of the Silver Cord Program is to instill within the students the importance of community service and encourage students to be accountable for investing in their own education and in the community on a regular basis during their school years.

The Silver Cord Program recognizes students for their community service during their high school years. Students volunteering 100 hours by April 30th of their senior year will have the distinct honor of wearing a silver cord during their graduation ceremony.

The program will be managed by the secondary school principal.

Examples of acceptable volunteer activities. Examples of acceptable service include after school tutoring, nursing home or senior center, volunteer for church projects or for community blood drives, the volunteer work you may do with your 4-H club, Relay for Life, work for a political party, and other similar activities.

Service that is not recognized by the NKHS Silver Cord Program. School activities such as selling merchandise, homecoming events, music or athletic practices, work for your own family or babysitting for a single family except with special approval, and service which is part of an academic, court-ordered, or discipline requirement.

You may not miss a class or classes to work on a qualifying service project.

Can I count work that I do for school for an organization's project?

Yes, as long as no school credit or grade is given and the work is above and beyond what is expected as a requirement or responsibility of the class or organization. For example, hours required for National Honor Society membership may not be counted because they are required for NHS membership. Group service projects where participation is encouraged but not required as in a football team project, math club project, or similar event may provide hours toward a Silver Cord.

Students engaged in voluntary activities that fulfill other needs a club or team may have, such as team videographers or managers, are allowed 15 Silver Cord hours per year.

-----Northwood-Kensett Silver Cord Award Form-----

Complete this document and return it to the principal within two weeks of service during the school year. Students should keep completed summer hour forms until fall. Summer hours are due to the principal by September 15th. Seniors must turn in all hours by April 30th of their graduation year.

We allow a maximum of 15 hours per event.

Student name _____

Graduation year _____

Service organization and site _____

Date(s) of service _____ Total hours of service _____
(15 hours maximum per event)

Site supervisor signature: _____
(My signature indicates that this student satisfactorily performed the aforementioned number of hours of volunteer service.)

Student signature: _____
(My signature indicates my understanding that if the event does not meet the Silver Cord requirements, the hours may not be counted.)

Parent signature: _____
(My signature represents my approval of the service event as explained on this document.)

Please answer each question below

1. What did you do during the volunteer experience?

2. How did others benefit from this volunteer experience?