

SHOAT CRITERIA

For Transcript Service Hours

Church Activities:

Church activities are appreciated, but cannot involve proselytizing. Outreach and service related activities only. Only 12 hours will be counted for each semester when directly supporting a church facility (i.e., office tasks, maintenance).

Clubs or Student Organizations (SGA/PTK, Etc.):

Hours only count for direct service activities or for organizing and planning events which entail advocacy or community service. Hours for attending club meetings, which are purely administrative and not related to service are outside SHOAT criteria.

Education Students:

In order for observation hours to count, the hours must be combined with active participation.

Family Members:

No SHOAT hours are allowable for providing service to family members. Working under the auspices of a family member is permissible, i.e. school classroom, etc., if the supervisor's signature is other than the family member's.

Field trips (Concentrated Activities):

Such as camping, sporting events, Boy Scout/Girl Scout outings and special activities/trips: please see Center for Service-Learning staff before starting to discern allowable service hours for transcript purposes.

Fire Department:

Training/pre-training hours do not count unless training entails doing at least partial service for the community. Please see Center for Service-Learning staff before starting to discern allowable service hours for transcript purposes.

Observation Hours:

Observation hours need to be combined with active volunteer participation and meaningful tasks for the observation hours to count toward SHOAT. Doctors' offices, veterinary clinics, etc. must be public service related.

Overtime:

Hours are accrued on an hour per hour basis for transcript notation - no "time and a half" or "double time" accepted.

Physical Therapy (PT):

Observation and volunteer hours that count for entrance into physical therapy field or program must be a combination of observation and active participation.

Profit Organizations:

Working with businesses for profit does not count for SHOAT purposes, unless the site is public-service related and meets community needs.

Ride-A-Longs:

Only 12 hours will be counted for each semester.

Note: *Orientation/training hours/club meetings are not counted for service hour requirements*