



The Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism (GCSV) is offering a new program to recognize graduating seniors who have completed a minimum of 50 hours of service during their four years of high school.

These graduates will be eligible for a special graduation cord and a certificate from GCSV upon completion of the service hour requirements.

GCSV Requirements and Submission Items for the Cord of Excellence Award

Deadline: Applications must be received by April 1, 2012.

To qualify for the Cord of Excellence from GCSV in 2012, graduating seniors must have submitted the required documentation to verify the completion of a minimum of fifty hours of volunteer service during the four years of high school. Please note that court-ordered service does not qualify a student for this award.

Candidates must submit the attached documented record of volunteer activities and hours served. This record of service may only include direct contact hours/ hours on task. Hours of service must be verified by the school sponsor and signed by the school administrator before submission.

The above information must be sent as one complete package and received by no later than April 1, 2012. The school sponsor is asked to include a cover letter with the names of the award recipients as they are to appear on the GCSV certificates. Faxed entries will not be accepted. Once the documentation is received, the Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism representative will verify all records and confirm that each candidate is eligible to receive the GCSV Cord of Excellence for Service.

All entries should be mailed to the following address:

Vickie Burt
GCSV Cord of Excellence Program
5561 Upper New Bethel Road
Valdosta, Georgia 31605

More information about the Cord of Excellence program is available on the Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism website at www.servega.org.

Further inquiries about the program should be addressed to Vickie Burt (burtvj@juno.com) or Lori Bodine (Lori.Bodine@dca.ga.gov).