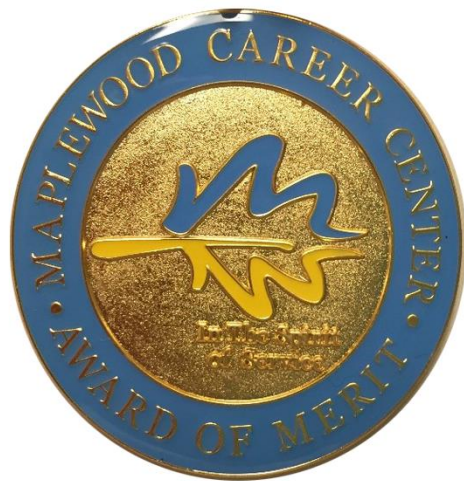




# Award of Merit



# MAPLEWOOD AWARD OF MERIT

## Purpose

The Maplewood Award of Merit is an annual award given to eligible Maplewood students who have participated in and reflected on the activities associated with the award. The purpose of the award is to foster character, citizenship, and a spirit of volunteerism by encouraging student involvement in volunteer activities in the areas of school service, community service and church or private organization service. Any full-time Maplewood High School senior or junior is eligible to participate in the Award of Merit program and to earn recognition as an Award of Merit recipient by meeting the required number of hours as determined and validated by the Maplewood Award of Merit Committee.

## The Award

The Maplewood Award of Merit is awarded to a senior student who earns and validates a minimum of 50 hours of service for volunteer activities as described under the volunteer hours section of this information sheet. The Award is to be a cast medal with neck band accompanied by a certificate suitable for framing. The Award of Merit shall be presented at the annual Senior Recognition Ceremony by a Maplewood administrator or the program coordinator.

## Volunteer Hours for the Award of Merit

Students may apply for hours earned by volunteering in any of the listed activities below, any activities which closely resemble those listed, or any other activities which are deemed appropriate by the Award of Merit Committee. Activities should be approved by the Award of Merit Committee prior to service being performed.

Seniors and Juniors may receive the Award of Merit at the end of their Senior year by earning a total of 50 hours of volunteer service over the two school years.

Hours earned may include activities of service participated in during the summer as well as during the school year until a week before the award presentation in June of the Senior school year. Volunteer service started prior to enrolling in the Award of Merit program must be submitted on a Verification of Service Form to the Award of Merit Committee for approval.

Awarded hours must originate from the three areas of service.

- School Service
- Community Service
- Church or private organization service

In the total of 50 hours required to receive the award, no less than 5 hours must be earned in each category. No hours shall be awarded for activities in which a student is paid directly or receives free merchandise or services. Hours earned from church or religious groups must benefit a community in general or an outside group, more than the church membership itself.

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER AWARD OF MERIT PROGRAM  
APPLICATION FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Career & Technical Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Home School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What Volunteering Opportunities Interest You? \_\_\_\_\_

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AWARD OF MERIT PARTICIPATION PERMISSION FORM  
MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the Award of Merit Volunteer Program. I have read and understand the Award of Merit Information Sheet. I understand that every precaution will be taken to insure the safety of my son/daughter and that I will not hold the Maplewood Career Center nor its staff liable for events that may occur during the volunteer experience. I also understand that my son/daughter must abide by all the school rules and regulations and that any misconduct can cause disciplinary action to occur.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER AWARD OF MERIT PROGRAM

## VOLUNTEER HOURS VALIDATION & VERIFICATION OF SERVICE FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Category of Service (circle One) School/Community/Church/Private	Agency/Organization Name	Contact Person	Phone Number
School/Community/Church/Private			
School/Community/Church/Private			
School/Community/Church/Private			
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School/Community/Church/Private			

Describe in detail the services performed:

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Date Service Performed	Category	# of Volunteer Hours	Agency Verification & Signature
GRAND TOTAL OF HOURS:			

*\*\*Turn this form into the Volunteer Coordinator of the Award of Merit Program when completed.*