

TAFCE STATE PROJECT - EXPLANATION

It is very Important to report volunteer hours for projects completed because these hours are accumulated statewide and give our organization (TAFCE) credibility for our "non-profit" status. The hours reported also play a role in the University of Tennessee's decision concerning the involvement of FCS Agents with fce and FCL (leadership training/leader lessons

Annually, the Federal Government sets a value to each volunteer hour. When compiled statewide, fce volunteer hours are very impressive.

List all projects (with a brief description) on the form that corresponds with the "Area of Work" completed: i.e. Education, Leadership, and Community Action as shown below. Submit all forms to the County Chair by the county due date. They will compile the forms for the county and report the totals on the "County Summary Sheet" form and submit the County Summary Form to the TAFCE Vice President for Programs before February 15th annually.

Important: Hours reported on the State Project forms may also be included on Individual CVU reports.

Project Examples

Listed below are several examples of previously reported State Project. Choose the category that best fits your project.

Areas of Work

Some areas may overlap

<u>EDUCATION</u>	<u>COMMUNITY ACTION</u>	<u>LEADERSHIP</u>
<p>Sponsor a child to go to camp; support Imagination Library; donate "Books for Newborns" through Health department; donate books for Head Start; perform demonstrations at school; collect and donate school supplies; donate bookmarks and book bags for reading programs; read to children at school and library; contribute to a scholarship fund; teach classes to youth and adults;</p>	<p>Work with Red Cross, Salvation Army, Hospice, Volunteer Fire Departments, "Meals on Wheels"; Donate to "shoe box ", "Toys for Tots", St. Jude's, "Angel Tree "programs; Provide meals and food baskets for shut ins; Plant flowers in community, Make items and/or donate to cancer patients, nursing homes residents, children of "meth" homes, military personnel and veterans, abused women shelters; Participate in "Relay for Life", community cleanup projects; Collect pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House; Collect food for US post office "Fight on Hunger" program or for food bank; Provide bedding for animal shelters; Make and donate "BooBoo Babies" to health departments; Collect calendars and magazines to donate to senior facilities, clothes to foreign countries; Donate to pregnancy centers; Work with "Project Linus" program; be a mentor; recycle; attend and support government and charitable meetings</p>	<p>FCL Programs, Help with 4-H Programs, Teach classes, Mentoring</p>

When your volunteer project involves working with only one family member, you can consider the entire family as "people reached". If an article is published in the newspaper concerning a project, include the circulation of the newspaper as the number of "people reached" (this is usually thousands). When teaching in a classroom or library, the parents of the children at home can be included. Estimates are acceptable with groups of people you are working and helping ... as in the "areas of work" examples above. Don't forget your driving and preparation time for the project.

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