

Spirit of Midway

A partnership of the Midway Education Foundation & the Midway High School PTA

Purpose: The purpose of Spirit of Midway at Midway High School mirrors the mission of the school itself. That mission is to prepare each student to develop and become a mature and responsible citizen. Spirit of Midway is voluntary, non-competitive, and open to all current Midway High School students.

Requirements: To receive the Spirit of Midway Award/Patch

1. **Grades:** GPA of 80 or above
2. **Campus Involvement:** active Involvement in at least 2 MHS student organizations, teams or clubs
3. **Voluntary Community Service Hours**
 - ◆ 10th, 11th & 12th grade students must complete at least **20 hours** of community service hours with at least 2 different community organizations between January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.
 - ◆ Incoming 9th grade students must complete at least **15 hours** of community service hours with at least 2 different community organizations between June 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026.
 - ◆ Volunteer hours must be completed in McLennan County with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or governmental entity providing public services.
 - ◆ No more than 5 hours may be counted from school-related service, such as PTAs, booster clubs, or the Midway Education Foundation. No more than 5 hours may be counted from service completed at religious institutions.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: No more than 5 hours may be counted for school-related service non-profits such as any Midway ISD PTA, Booster Clubs or Education Foundation, and no more than 5 hours may be counted for service at religious institutions. For example, if you volunteer and document 8 hours worked at an Elementary School carnival and 13 hours worked at your church VBS, ONLY 5 hours from the carnival and 5 hours from your church VBS will count toward this award. In this case, at least 10 hours of volunteer community service MUST be completed for 1 or more charitable, non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations or government entity outside of your church and school. (Some examples of non-profit organizations are listed on page 5 of this packet.) **Please email spiritofmidway@gmail.com if you have questions about volunteer hours, non-profit organizations or other Spirit of Midway requirements.**

Stipulations/Exclusions:

- All service hours must be completed within McLennan County and must be performed through a registered nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) status or through a governmental entity providing public services.
- No more than 5 hours may be counted from school-related service, and no more than 5 hours may be counted from service completed at religious institutions.
- All service must be voluntary, without pay, personal gain or the repayment of debt.
- Court ordered community service is specifically excluded.
- Community Service must be performed outside of school hours and cannot be part of a class requirement, for-profit business, place of employment or part of your MHS student organization, team, or club.
- Students will not receive Spirit of Midway credit for hours working for a private individual.
- See page 5 for examples of community service ideas,
- The Spirit of Midway committee reserves the right to disqualify any submitted hours that do not meet these stipulations or others stated in this application. Additional hours may be submitted with the application if other submitted hours do not qualify. When in doubt, email with questions before submitting applications!

Documentation Checklist: A completed Spirit of Midway Application contains the following items.

- _____ 1. Student Information Form & Honor Code
- _____ 2. Midway High School Campus Involvement Form
- _____ 3. Community Service Forms (a separate form for each service performed must be submitted)
- _____ 4. Copy of the student's fall semester report card or printed grades from HAC. Must include GPA!

Applications will be accepted in the Counselors' office from Monday, January 11, 2027, through Friday, January 15, 2027 @ 4:00 p.m. Please check your entire application carefully and do not leave any spaces blank. Any applications containing incomplete information or blank spaces will be disqualified.

Questions about the Spirit of Midway application may be sent to spiritofmidway@gmail.com

A response will be returned within 3 school days.

Spirit of Midway Student Information & Honor Code

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name to publish on banner (print clearly): _____

Student ID: _____ Student email (print clearly): _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Have you received this award before? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, what years? _____

Spirit of Midway community service hours might help you qualify for the Congressional Award for youth involvement. For more information, visit www.congressionalaward.org

_____ Check here if you are registered and/or working on your Congressional Award. If so, print out completed proof of registration and attach it to this form. Applicants will be recognized.

HONOR CODE

We have carefully read, understand and agree to the Spirit of Midway purpose, requirements, stipulations, and documentation for this award. We understand that it is the student's responsibility to check their application for completeness and understand that late applications will not be accepted. We also understand that any incomplete, inaccurate or missing information will invalidate this application. We understand that the decision of the Spirit of Midway committee is final and an application may not be resubmitted. We know that any questions about the content of this application or the Spirit of Midway award should be sent to spiritofmidway@gmail.com. By signing, you agree to the above and certify that the requirements for the Spirit of Midway award have been met and give permission for credentials to be validated by the Spirit of Midway committee.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent email (print clearly): _____

Students qualifying for the award will be listed on the Spirit of Midway Banner. It is your responsibility to verify the spelling of your name when the banner proofs have been emailed in March.

Spirit of Midway Campus Involvement Form

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Membership and active involvement in at least **TWO** Midway High School student organizations, teams, or clubs is a requirement of the Spirit of Midway award. Most student groups that require participation outside of the school day should qualify. The definition of "participation" may vary greatly. As in life, the more you "jump in" and give of yourself, the richer your experience.

***PLEASE NOTE: COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS THAT BENEFIT YOUR CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT ORGANIZATION, CLUB OR TEAM MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PORTION OF THIS APPLICATION.

Questions about the Spirit of Midway Campus Involvement form may be sent to spiritofmidway@gmail.com. A response will be returned within 3 school days.

Student organization #1: _____

How did you contribute to this organization?

I certify that the contributions stated above were completed

Signature of sponsor, director, or coach: _____ Date: _____

Printed name of sponsor, director or coach: _____

Student organization #2: _____

How did you contribute to this organization?

I certify that the contributions stated above were completed

Signature of sponsor, director, or coach: _____ Date: _____

Printed name of sponsor, director or coach: _____

Spirit of Midway Community Service Opportunities

Examples of a few Non-profit Charitable Organizations in McLennan County:

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| The Advocacy Center | Historic Waco Foundation |
| American Cancer Society | Humane Society |
| American Heart Association | Keep Waco |
| American Red Cross | Beautiful Meals on |
| Art Center of Waco | Wheels Mission |
| Boys & Girls Club | Waco |
| Cameron Park Zoo | Public Library Aide |
| Caritas | Salvation Army |
| Compassion Ministries | Special Olympics |
| Dr Pepper Museum | Talitha Koum |
| Family Abuse Center | Institute United Way |
| Friends for Life | Waco Civic Theatre |
| Goodwill | Waco Family Health Center |
| Habitat for Humanity | Waco Wetlands |
| Head Start | Waco Symphony |

Please remember that participation in an event does not qualify for community service hours. You must be a volunteer at the event in some capacity. (For example: walking in the Waco Heart Walk for the American Heart Association does not count for earning community service hours)

Don't see your organization listed above or have a question about an organization for which you wish to volunteer?

Please email the Spirit of Midway Chair: spiritofmidway@gmail.com
a response will be returned within 3 school days.

It is the student's responsibility to make sure the project qualifies for service hours. When in doubt, email for approval. Do not assume that other people know what qualifies and what doesn't. This means even teachers, coaches, etc.!