



2023-2024

## Competitive Events Handbook



# NCA Service Project

### Event Summary

The NCA Service Project involves a nationally identified partner who NCA chapters can choose to support through volunteer service and fundraising.

**This event is designed as a recognition opportunity.**

### Event Code

SP

### Event Type

Chapter Event

### General Rules

1. Competitors in this event must be active members of NCA and be in good standing.
2. Eligible divisions to compete in the NCA Service Project (SP) event:
  - Middle School
  - Secondary
  - Out-of-School/Collegiate Divisions
3. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the “General Rules and Regulations of the NCA Competitive Events Program (GRR).”

### National Partner

At the 2022 National CDC, the NCA Delegate Assembly selected the 2023-2025 National Service partner: Habitat for Humanity.

**All volunteer hours and donations must be in connection to Habitat for Humanity in order to be considered for the NCA Service Project Recognition.**

## Tracking Hours and Funds Raised

Local chapters plan service-learning projects to support the selected organization. Chapters document their involvement and submit documentation for the opportunity to earn recognition at the state and national levels. This event aims to encourage NCA members to provide service learning by coming together collectively in support of the NCA National Service Project.

NCA Service Project recognition overview:

- Members and chapter advisors will submit hours and money raised by their chapter via this website: <https://jag.org/nspsubmission/>.
- Members should record their volunteer hours individually.
- Donations should be noted on just ONE chapter member's account.
  - ◇ *For example, if a chapter raised \$150 in five hours of volunteer time, each member who participated should record five hours in the online NCA Activity Tracking System. But only ONE member of the chapter should enter the \$150 donation total. If all five members entered \$150, this would inflate the actual amount of money raised.*
- For national recognition, this event may include activities from June 1, 2023 through March 20, 2024.
- Activities must be entered and APPROVED by chapter advisors on the website by midnight on March 20, 2024.
- The list of activities in the system is what will be used to identify recognition levels at the National Career Development Conferences.
- Information submitted to NCA via the proposed online NCA Activity Tracking System will become the property of NCA. Permission is given to NCA to share project ideas with organizations and in NCA publications.

 **Submit documents to [nca@jag.org](mailto:nca@jag.org) by March 15.**

## Recognition Levels and Process

At the national level, the following recognition categories are awarded:

- Certificates of Recognition will be awarded to all chapters contributing a minimum of \$100 or 100 hours of community service in partnership with the service organization. The monetary and time requirements are not to be combined to reach this minimum. Once a chapter reaches \$100 or 100 hours, they will receive the Certificate of Recognition.
- Certificates of Merit will be awarded to all chapters contributing a minimum of \$500 or 500 hours of community service in partnership with the service organization. The monetary and time requirements are not to be combined to reach this minimum. Once a chapter reaches \$500 or 500 hours, they will receive the Certificate of Merit.

## Other Recognition

Other outstanding service awards may be presented by the selected organization in recognition for outstanding contributions by individual chapters. State outstanding service awards, if available, will be announced by the states' respective State Advisor. Chapter names may be posted on the website. To be listed online, the chapter **MUST** have at least 100 hours or \$100 or 500 hours or \$500 **APPROVED** in the proposed NCA Activity Tracking System by the deadline.