



SVA Service Award

About the Student Volunteer Army

SVA started as a simple idea to help others by cleaning up silt after the 2011 earthquakes...



...and resulted in 11,000 students working together to clean up a city!

**...when you
volunteer, you
vote every day
about the kind of
community you
want to live in.**



What is the SVA Service Award?

We are a national program that recognises secondary student volunteering through a five level badge system and downloadable Summary of Service.



Log your hours

Log your volunteer hours online. Any type of volunteering counts - at school, at home or in your community. We'll award your first SVA Service Pin at 5 hours of volunteering.



Earn SVA service pins

As you reach each SVA Service Award volunteering milestone, we'll make sure you receive a pin. Wear the pin as a symbol of the contribution you've made to your community.



Build a Summary of Service

We'll track and keep a record of your volunteering, order it by date and make it available to you whenever you need. You can use your Summary of Service when applying for jobs, uni and scholarships.

What counts as volunteering?



Sport referee,
umpire, coach or
scorekeeper



Helping out at a
food bank packing
groceries



Being an unpaid
caregiver of whānau
member



Being the student
organiser of a
school event



Leading a fire
safety course in
your community

Why volunteer?



1. The more you give, the happier you feel. Volunteering is a great way to increase your confidence.



2. Gain work experience while making an impact on others' lives. Employers will see you're proactive, motivated and keen to learn new skills.



3. Volunteering opens doors to amazing opportunities where you will meet interesting people and make new friends.

Project examples: group activities



Buller High School students have made a big impact on their environment and community through long-term volunteer projects:

- Kick Start Breakfast Club
- Community Planting Day

Papanui High School's Student Council helped:

- Fundraise for RSA, Heart Kids and MS / PD
- Plant trees with Rotary and the Community Board
- Plan a working bee at the Plunket Rooms



Project examples: individual volunteering



Being a home carer for someone elderly, sick, unwell or who is living with a disability:



- Home caring for whānau
- Social visiting for a cup of tea

Helping others to use technology:

- Running tech help classes for community members at lunch time
- Volunteering to help a community group operate their projector and computer when they have events



How do I start?

1. Log onto www.service.sva.org.nz.
2. Create a profile and log your volunteer hours.
3. Your teacher will be notified each month if you have earned a Service Award Pin and will award it to you at the appropriate time.
4. You are able to download the CV after you reach Bronze level.
5. If you forget your password, follow the password reset instructions on the website.
6. The SVA is here to help!

The screenshot shows the SVA Service Award dashboard for a user named Sam Johnson. The page has a dark blue header with the SVA logo and navigation links: Students, Schools, Organisations, About, Blog, Help, Contact. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- GENERAL INFO:** School: Christ's College, Level: (blank), Email: sam@samjohnson.co.nz, Logged in as Sam Johnson, Log out.
- QUICK INFO:** Newly logged service not showing, Total service hours not updated, How do I request the Summary of Service?, How do I level up?, What are the hours for each pin?, Can I backdate my hours?
- Service Dashboard:** A large central box with the text "Service Dashboard" and "Hello Sam, would you like to log your volunteering hours?" with a "Log Hours" button.
- Logged Services:** A section titled "LOGGED SERVICES" with a "+ LOG HOURS" button and a "Service Record Timeline" showing a date "12 September, 201".
- User Profile:** NAME: Sam Johnson, TOTAL SERVICE HOURS: 50, CURRENT LEVEL: Bronze (with a bronze pin icon).
- Progress:** A circular progress indicator showing 20% completion, with the text "Progress to Level Up:" below it.

www.service.sva.org.nz



Kia tūao, e tū ki te ao!

Be a volunteer and stand up in the world!

