

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## CELEBRATING MICHIGAN YOUTH SERVICE



### Volunteer Michigan

#### How does the State of Michigan recognize youth volunteers?

The Michigan Governor Youth Service Awards recognize youth who serve their communities during high school.

#### What are the eligibility requirements for state awards?

To earn a Michigan Governor Youth Service Award, students must accumulate the following:

**Youth Changemaker Award**  
400 hours of service

**Youth Spirit of Hope Award**  
200 hours of service

#### Which service hours are eligible?

All youth service hours logged between June 1 (freshman year) through May 1 (senior year).

#### How do students receive awards?

Awards are mailed directly to the students' schools, for incorporation into graduation.

#### Which students should apply?

All high school students, whether in traditional, home-school or digital learning environments, should leverage the opportunity to create a service resume and earn awards.

#### Where Can I Learn More?

Email [LEO-youthvolunteers@michigan.gov](mailto:LEO-youthvolunteers@michigan.gov) or call the MCSC at (517) 335-4295 to receive additional information about the awards program and the **InnerView™** youth service platform.

Watch [this video](#) to learn more!

### InnerView™



**InnerView™** is the leading youth social responsibility platform to help students, groups, schools and nonprofits highlight community service impact, passion for causes, and connect local effort to the UN Global Goals.

#### Benefits of using InnerView™

##### Track Service Hours

Youth volunteers, aged 14-24, can log service hours to receive both state and national service awards.

##### Build Digital Resume

Students also build a digital service resume to help with applications for jobs, scholarships, and college.

##### Awards for All

Students with as few as 20 service hours and schools (with student service hours greater than 2000 hours) are eligible for awards.

##### Take It with You

The digital service resume is tied to the student account and able to move through life stages and transitions: high school graduation, college and careers.

#### How do students sign up?

1. Visit [my.InnerView.org](http://my.InnerView.org)
2. Create a profile.
3. Add community service activities on the **InnerView™** mobile app.
4. Log service hours (criteria for awards are calculated in real time).
5. Earn awards.

#### Are schools notified of students' award status?

Yes. **InnerView™** will share impact graphics and a digital feed of honorees for use on school monitors, websites and newsletters.

#### Can students apply for both state and national awards?

Yes. Students log service hours in **InnerView™**, an online service activity platform. The system displays progress toward all awards available to a student.

#### Are newsletter and social media promotions available?

Yes. Interested schools may request a promotion toolkit through email: [awards@innerview.org](mailto:awards@innerview.org)

#### Is there a cost to students and schools?

No. **InnerView™** is free for students and schools to use. Neither physical nor digital awards have fees.

### United Nations Global Goals

In 2015, world leaders agreed to 17 goals for a better world by 2030. The United Nations Global Goals are a call for action by all countries — poor, rich and middle-income — to promote prosperity while protecting the planet.

Ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with strategies that build economic growth and address a range of social needs including education, health, social protection, and job opportunities, while tackling climate change and environmental protection.

#### How do students earn national awards?

Using the **InnerView™** app, students have the opportunity to select a UN Global Goal and apply future service hours toward this goal.

Students will learn their impact on the global goals in the process of earning valuable national service awards.

#### Learn more about UN Global Goals

[SustainableDevelopment.UN.org](http://SustainableDevelopment.UN.org)



## MICHIGAN COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION

[michigan.gov/mcsc](http://michigan.gov/mcsc)

#### MISSION

Utilize service as a strategy to address the state's most pressing issues and empowers volunteers to strengthen communities.

#### VISION

That all Michigan residents, beginning at any early age and continuing for a lifetime, meet community needs and find personal fulfillment through service-learning and volunteering.