



Odyssey Charter Schools

AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

Odyssey Charter Schools is proud to recognize those students who have demonstrated through their words and actions that they possess the qualities and characteristics we hope to instill in all students. Listed below are the criteria for receiving the American Citizenship Award from Odyssey Charter Schools.

The American Citizenship Award will be awarded to qualifying students at the end of the school year at the school's Awards and Honors ceremonies. The individual teacher, based on the student's participation in and knowledge of the awards program criteria, will decide if their student qualifies to receive the award. Students must exhibit an understanding of civic responsibility utilizing the following qualifications:

- **Four hours per year of community service – may be related to community, church, youth groups, boy scouts, girl scouts, etc.**
- **Research of an individual or group who has positively contributed or impacted the local community, nation, or world through their civic responsibilities.**
- **Recognize the past three Presidents of the United States and be able explain something positive about how they will be remembered or how they have impacted our nation or the world.**
- **Exhibit knowledge of the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States of America and be able to show how it applies to you.**

Qualifications may be met in many creative ways including, but not limited to, the following:

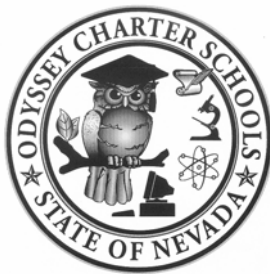
- **Students may work with their teachers to develop oral, written, or creative projects that show an understanding of the qualifications.**
- **Students may use their involvement in personal civic projects and volunteer efforts in which they take part with their families or other groups.**

Examples of community service programs may include but are not limited to:

- Community food and clothing banks
- Adopt-a-Grandparent programs
- School or community beautification projects
- Tutoring or mentoring programs
- Letter writing campaigns to military servicemen and women overseas
- Fundraising events for disaster victims

Students must use the American Citizenship Awards Program Verification Form to verify that they have completed the four hours of community or volunteer service. Submit the completed form to your teacher.

Students must submit the verification form prior to May 7, 2010.



Odyssey Charter Schools American Citizenship Awards Program *Community Service Volunteer Verification Form*

Odyssey Charter School Students:

Please print out the form and submit the completed form to your teacher. Forms may also be available from your teacher. A representative of the organization for which you have performed the volunteer service must sign the Community Service Verification Form. ***A parent may not sign as the representative of the organization.***

Organization Name	Date of Service	Number of Hours	Supervisor's Signature
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2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Return the completed form to your teacher to qualify for the American Citizenship Award. ***Supervisor's signature must be an individual other than a parent.***

The American Citizenship Award pins will be awarded at the Odyssey Charter Schools Awards and Honors Ceremonies at the end of the school year.

Verification that a student has completed the necessary requirements to receive the American Citizenship Award is at the discretion of the individual teacher.

This completed form must be returned to your teacher on or before May 7, 2010 in order to qualify to receive the award at the Awards and Honors Ceremony.