

Recognition of Commitment



The Saltire Awards are the Scottish Government's way of celebrating, **recognising** and **rewarding** the **commitment**, contribution and **achievements** of young volunteers in Scotland, aged between 12 and 25. Young people gain nationally recognised certificates, signed by Scottish Government Ministers, for the different amounts of volunteering they do. (4 Key Categories: Challenge, Approach, Ascent and Summit)

Recognises pupils who are **CARING** for others through dedicating time to organisations/community

Volunteering provides opportunities for **LEARNING** and developing key skills/personal qualities

Through Volunteering hours pupils are **ACHIEVING** awards which are recognised by Employers/UCAS/College





How can I get involved?



- [All pupils are already signed up to the Saltire programme in S1 – no need to re-register!](#)
- Consider everything that you do/have done that could be considered as volunteering? This may be something new that you have started during current lockdown or can be something up to 3 years ago that you still receive recognition for! Do you support a local club/team (even if it is part of your duke of Edinburgh award)? Do you give up time to support neighbours or the community? THIS IS VOLUNTEERING!
- **What do I need to do ?** Hours can now be recorded electronically (no more losing booklets or having to remember to hand them in!)
Use the Microsoft forms link on Show My Homework – include your name, what you have done, number of hours completed and date you completed (don't worry if not exact). You should also include the name of an adult/someone who has supervised that you have completed the volunteering.
- **Would this count as volunteering?** Many of you will be giving your time to support others daily without even realising that this counts as volunteering. You can gain recognition for anything that you do which supports/benefits others and develops or enhances your skill set. It cannot be something that you are paid for – e.g. a job. Watch the following short clip for some ideas of things that young people within Scotland have been doing to volunteer their time and gain saltire hours!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jllb2UcebzY>