I verify that I have completed the above community service in the name of the Sam Houston State University Honors College.

Student Approval Signature:

Total Hours: __________  ___________________________  Date: __________
Purpose
The Honors College endeavors to provide for its students an enriched educational and social experience that leads to lifelong learning and personal growth as well as professional success. To that end, the program encourages participation in community service activities, thus promoting the development of service, one of the three attributes most desired in outstanding Honors students (scholarship, leadership, and service). Typically, the volunteer events/projects give students the opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills and gain experience in social and civic involvement.

Why Honors Students Volunteer?
Volunteering provides a means to impact the community in a positive and meaningful way. Community service allows students to work with people from different backgrounds and majors while enabling them to gain valuable life experience, skills, and hands-on learning. Also, it helps students give back to society, explore personal issues, and even have fun!

What activities count as Community Service?
Community Service is any volunteer activity that benefits a non-profit agency, civic organization, or local community where the student/volunteer will not receive monetary payment for the service.

Consider your Community Service Commitments
Before you commit to an activity, ask yourself these questions:
◆ How much time do I have to commit?
◆ What would I most like to learn?
◆ Do I want an ongoing assignment or a short-term assignment?

Community Service Requirements
The Honors College requires ten hours of community service each semester in order to merit advance registration. Students may participate in service projects either on or off campus, or in their home communities. Beginning Honors students are allowed to register early in their first semester. They must complete ten hours of community service during their first semester in order to qualify for early registration again during their second semester. In this way they are given a pass for the first semester.

Verification Procedure
The Community Service Verification Form is available in the Honors College office and under Course Documents on the Honors Blackboard. Complete the required information, obtain the project supervisor signature, and return to the Honors College office by the end of the semester in order to participate in early registration the following semester.

How to Contact Organizations
The best way to go about contacting a representative for Community Service is obviously through the provided contact information. Most times you will be provided with a phone number and an email. If you contact through phone, be prepared to state your name, what times you are available, and the reason why you are doing community service. In an email, you should provide the same information: your name, when you’re available, and why you are doing this service. Make sure you are friendly!