

ECL Volunteer FAQ's

One of the ECL graduation requirements is to volunteer at least 12 hours over the duration of the program for opportunities outside of the program. You are responsible for tracking your hours via our online form.

How do I track hours?

Visit <https://www.unitedwaychampaign.org/ecl-resource-page> for the link to track your hours.

What counts as a volunteer hour?

If you're not getting paid to do it, you're probably volunteering! You may be volunteering more than you realize. Don't forget about time spent working at your child's school, helping at your place of worship, coaching youth sports or attending service club meetings. All these examples count!

Should I keep tracking once I hit 12 hours?

YES! It's beneficial to collect these details to see the impact of the ECL Program. **Track as much as you can.**

I am looking for somewhere to volunteer. Can you help?

Yes! Anne will send information about opportunities as they are announced. If these don't work for your schedule, email Anne and we'll find a volunteer opportunity that works for you.

I volunteer at the same place all the time. Is there an easier way to track these hours?

Yes, you can combine multiple dates under one entry – up to 10 hours at a time.

Do ECL Group Volunteer events count towards the 12 hours?

Yes! But don't forget, you must track these hours yourself – we do not enter them in for you.

Does my work on Team Projects or time spent at seminars count?

Time spent on ECL team projects may be tracked towards the 12-hour minimum. **Seminars do not count as hours.**

How do I check what I've tracked?

Save the email receipts from each time you submit your volunteer hours. This is the best way to keep track. You can also email Anne to request a summary.

Can I track something I did before the Kickoff?

No. We want record of volunteering that you have signed up for from ECL Kickoff through the Capstone event. Please try to volunteer for events during the ECL Program, but events after Capstone can count if necessary to fulfill your hours.

What is the deadline for submitting volunteer hours?

The online form will close the day before the ECL Capstone event.