Definition of Service for SOFE

“Action taken to meet the needs of others and to better the community as a whole.”

Service hours can include forms of community service and volunteerism that occur both on and off campus.

Examples of activities that can be logged for service hours:

- Tutoring
- Service-learning activities that take place outside of the classroom
- Providing pro bono professional and/or medical services
- Volunteering at a hospital, animal shelter, childcare facility, or other educational and non-profit agencies
- Bipartisan political activities (i.e. working a voter registration drive)
- Service opportunities within the Center for Leadership & Service

Examples of activities that cannot be logged for service hours:

- Any activity for which you received payment or compensation
- General student organization/club activities (i.e. tabling, recruitment events)
- Fundraisers
- Court ordered or sanctioned service
- Leadership positions held within organizations or campus departments
- Philanthropy (i.e. Greek Life philanthropic events) or time spent planning or attending a philanthropy event

*NOTE: It should be understood that all fundraising and philanthropic activities are to be coordinated without any alcohol/drug use by members or guests.*

You can track your hours by visiting trackyourhours.utk.edu

Remember that service hours must be logged within 30 days of completing the service.