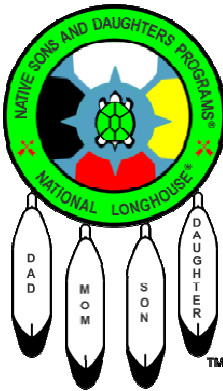


NATIONAL LONGHOUSE

Community Service Project

**A NATIONAL SERVICE WORKS
PROJECT FOR NATIVE SONS &
DAUGHTERS PROGRAMS**



Project Purpose & Highlights

- Earn National recognition and awards for your project
- Teach & learn the value of service to community in the spirit of the Six Aims
- Create community awareness for your Local Longhouse

Established 2012

Program Overview

The primary purpose for the Community Service Project (CSP) is to carry out the portion of our Mission Statement that states: ***“Rendering relief to the poor, the distressed, or the underprivileged through the belief that you help yourself by helping others”***

Two of the Six Native Sons & Daughters Programs® Aims are directly realized through service to one’s community:

- To Love My Neighbor As Myself
- To Seek and Preserve the Beauty of the Great Spirits Work in Forest, Field and Stream

Tribes and Longhouses are encouraged to further these Aims by developing and conducting projects that provide meaningful service to their community, while creating shared experiences for parent and child.

Project and participant details are recorded on a project information collection form and submitted to National Longhouse. Information on the collection form also provides National Longhouse with material needed for grant applications. Grant awards would further the overall NSD mission and uplift program development.



National Longhouse provides annual recognition and awards for all projects and participants to celebrate their accomplishments.



Community Service Projects

Projects

Meaningful community service can come in many forms and the diversity of potential projects is nearly boundless. Use your imagination to identify needs unique to your community. Regular participation in community service projects is highly encouraged throughout NSD Programs. Each project can be unique or a continuation of a previous year's project. Individuals, Tribes or entire Longhouses may work together to develop and conduct projects for their communities.

Just a Few Project Examples:

- Working at a food bank
- Meals on wheels
- Fundraisers for various charitable organizations
- Preparing and serving meals at homeless shelters
- Disaster supply collections
- Back to school packets for needy families
- Book drive for homeless shelter library
- Park cleanups, adopt a road, adopt a park, adopt a trail
- Aid to Native American organizations or reservations



Submission Guidelines:

Period: CSP Awards are an annual event. Project data should be collected throughout the entire project period and submitted to National Longhouse using the established project information collection form. The submission and award timeline is as follows:

- Annual data submission **deadline** is March 1st.
- Awards are distributed by April 15th.
- If your project extends beyond the deadline, awards will be made in the following year. No exceptions.



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Project Awards

There are several levels of Awards and Recognitions bestowed annually for participating in the CSP.

Award distinctions are:

Members: First year participants (both parent and child) are awarded the Community Service patch (shown). Subsequent year participants are awarded a colored year bar that compliments the first year patch.

Tribes and Longhouses: The names of participating Members and Tribes are sent to the Longhouse leadership. Longhouses may choose to conduct a formal recognition ceremony and presentation of individual awards.

National Recognition: All participating Members, Tribes and Longhouse as well as summaries of CSP's will be recognized in a special edition of the National Longhouse newsletter distributed through the CircleBridge email system and posted for the year on the National Longhouse website.



**The National Longhouse
Community Service
Project Award Patch**

Fully embroidered, 3.6" x 2.6"

The eagle is viewed as a messenger in the Native American culture. Our message is that we give service to our community as well as having fun as parent & child. Also, the eagle feather is a very high honor of distinction in the Native American culture. For these reasons, the eagle feather was chosen as a simple and honored way to recognize service to our community.

Parent & Child Together...

Make a Difference in Your Community...

Make a Difference in Someone's Life!

