

Oakton Bands: Earning Guard Awards

Form must be filled out by **May 1st**

To recognize the efforts of our guard students and encourage service to our community, Oakton High School Color Guard and Winter Guard offer a sequence of awards: The Pin, The Letter, The Numbers (graduation year), and the Medallion. To earn an award(s), the following 3 components must be submitted to Coach Strebeck by May 1 each year. Each award requires 10 Points, 5 hours Community Service and volunteering at 2 Band/Guard Events. All must be submitted each year even if the student simply wants to carryover their Points and have them Tallied.

Component #1: **The Guard Award Points Sheet**: lists verifiable guard activities. The points carryover from year to year if all components are submitted before the due date. Once an award is earned, the 10 points are deducted. Please note items requiring pre-approval by the Guard Coach.

Component #2: **Community Service Verification Sheet**: Each year, 5 hours of community service must be completed. They do not have to be **guard** or band related but must be documented/signed by other than parent. 3 hours may be double-counted towards a band award, but 2 must be counted only for this award. Students applying for both band and guard would need to complete a total of 7 hours.

Component #3: **Band/Guard Event Participation** (documented on Community Service Sheet) The student must also volunteer at 2 Band/Guard Events during the year, **for each band and/or guard award**. They should remember to sign-in and/or have their sheet signed. **Are there guard specific events you want to put, like car washes, or recruitment trips?** These events can include:

- Marching Field Lining
- Assisting at Cougar Kick Off with spirit wear or ensemble slot or Guard table
- Future Cougar Night
- School recruiting trips
- 8th Grade Audition Days (spring)
- Guard 8th Grade Activities Fair/Recruiting
- Equipment Maintenance/Taping/Inventory
- Taping Sessions

Students are responsible for planning ahead to complete these events and obtaining proper signature/documentation if they wish to use their band points towards an award. Service must be completed before the deadline for points to accumulate. Required guard events are not counted toward volunteering for Band/Guard Events. Events for other purposes (summer car wash for Orkney) are also not counted. Other opportunities may arise during the year but it is recommended that students be proactive!