

CERTIFIED MASTER CLOTHING VOLUNTEER

MASTER CREDIT HOURS

To maintain certification for the Master Volunteer in Clothing Construction Program, certified volunteers must accumulate a minimum of **100** hours of service over the course of the two year reporting period. This includes a minimum of **50 hours in the Teaching/Preparation section, 30 hours of Continuing Education, and 20 hours of Leadership and Service**). Hours will be credited on a one for one ratio. Effective with the reporting period beginning October 2006.

Acceptable Activities:

The activities listed below are pre-approved. There may, however, be other activities which are acceptable. Prior approval of activities not listed below can be obtained through discussion with the state MVP coordinator.

Teaching & Preparation (minimum 50 hours)

Teaching sewing/clothing construction is the primary focus of the Master Volunteer in Clothing Construction Program. Hours included in this section reflect the time it takes to **prepare for, travel to, and teach** classes/workshops. Your audience should include our extension family of Homemakers and 4-H but is not limited to them. However, instruction is limited to teaching sewing (hand and machine) related classes. **At least 30 of these hours back need to be for Extension programming.**

Continuing Education (minimum 30 hours)

Improving your knowledge and keeping your skills up to date make you a more effective and informed teacher. Hours included in this section reflect the time you spend attending clothing/sewing trainings, lessons, workshops, and shows. These activities may be Extension sponsored or other. Attending fashion shows, conducted by professionals, intended to inform the public about current or upcoming trends and historical fashions are acceptable. (This does not include 4-H fashion revues or trips to fabric stores.) Viewing sewing/clothing related television programs; reading articles, books, publications, and other professionally written material related to clothing/sewing/teaching. Workshops that are related to communicating with or working with others to make you a better teacher are also acceptable.

Leadership and Service (minimum 20 hours)

In addition to teaching, you are encouraged to share your knowledge and skills in other ways. By doing so the Master Volunteer in Clothing Construction Program gains visibility across the commonwealth. These activities include leadership, judging, and community service.

Leadership hours include those that you spend in an active leadership role over clothing/sewing related activities. This includes coordinating county/area/state clothing events that may be judged or not; coordinating county 4-H apparel and textiles projects (time spent securing leaders and

judges, writing scripts, etc.); and being an officer in an ASG (American Sewing Guild) chapter. If you are serving in a leadership role directly tied to being a Master Clothing Volunteer, you may also count your travel time. (Travel to ASG meetings/activities, etc. can not be counted)

Judging hours are for judging apparel and textile items (not crafts). These can be for county, area and/or state fairs, fashion revues, demonstrations, and design competitions. Travel time may be counted.

Community service hours may be accumulated by sewing for non-profit groups as well as serving on committees that plan activities related to sewing/clothing. Teaching needlework classes such as knitting, crochet, tatting, and needlepoint (those that don't involve the use of a sewing machine or hand sewing needle) are to be counted under community service. Sewing for family members is not considered community service.

Miscellaneous activities include the following: Writing an article for the MVP newsletter or other publication telling about a sewing related activity or event; entering sewn clothing/home furnishing items that you have designed or constructed in a juried/judged exhibition; and modeling your sewn clothing in a fashion show.