

KANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR YOUTH

Sponsored by the Kansas State High School Activities Association

CRITERIA/IDEAS FOR LETTERING IN KAY

The KSHSAA and KAY organization do not provide guidelines for rewarding participation in school activities. This decision is left up to each school. From the standpoint of KAY, some believe that true service is when you serve others without expecting anything in return. And others feel that special recognition (lettering) provides the motivation to be more active. If participating schools choose to develop a lettering policy for KAY, the following information is a collection from various KAY clubs across the state that might be helpful in developing your approved criteria.

Regardless of the criteria a school may decide for lettering in KAY, please give strong consideration to the following statement:

IN ORDER TO LETTER IN KAY, A STUDENT MEMBER MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING PER CLUB POLICY AND THE SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY.

GENERAL PARTICIPATION IDEAS (% , POINTS)

Must attend @ least 75% of the meetings (6 out of 8) during the school year.

Officers/Board Members must attend 75% (6 out of 8) of the monthly board meetings.

Must participate in at least 80% of the KAY activities (90% if officer/board member). This includes fundraisers, community service projects, School/club projects, Club activities and club meetings.

Must have 100 points (member) or 150 points (officer/board member). Members earn points by participating in a wide variety of KAY activities. Activities will be itemized annually and posted on the KAY bulletin board.

A members must earn at least 50% of the points available.

PARTICIPATION (IDEAS/EXAMPLES)

Must attend Regional Conference and/or Unit Conference (unless excused)

Must turn in membership dues by deadline date

Must provide food/drink for a least one KAY Club meeting

Must be responsible for one Bulletin Board per school year (finished by 30th of proceeding month)

Must participate in club money making projects

A member must ACTIVELY participate in at least 10 service projects during the school year (NOTE: Donating food for an event does not count. Member must attend the event).

PARTICIPATION IN SPECIFIC/TRADITIONAL CLUB ACTIVITIES (EXAMPLES)

Must participate in 1 of 2 yearly Adopt-a-Highway Pickups; in 1 of 2 yearly Rake & Run events; etc.

Must help with the annual Elementary Easter Egg Hunt in some form (bring candy, fill plastic eggs with candy, hide the eggs, help with the hunt, sort eggs after, etc.)

Must participate in at least 3 school service projects (clean up after ball games, help with school events, work in KAY concession stand, etc.)

NOTE: Clubs have their own annual activities to require participation for

OFFICER/BOARD ATTENDANCE/ABSENCE POLICY

Attendance at Board Meetings and in-school meetings is required. Excused absences would include illness or family emergency. Things such as work or night classes are not excused unless the sponsor has approved the specific situation in advance of the meeting.

Attendance at KAY Leadership Camp (KLC) is required for the President. The clubs will pay for (%) of the camp fee. Other officer/board members and members are encouraged to attend KLC. A portion of their camp fee may be paid (based on the club budget). Transportation to KLC will be provided by the school.

RECOGNITION IDEAS FOR KAY CLUBS LETTERING KAY MEMBERS

1. **LETTER** – Many clubs use the traditional school “chenille letter” for the first year
2. **IDENTIFICATION /ACTIVITY** - A KAY Pin may be added to the letter to signify KAY
3. **NUMBER OF YEARS** – Traditional bars may be used to indicate the # of years for lettering

KAY HONOR CORD

KAYAN (KAY Alumni Network) will provide Honor Cords for KAY Graduating Seniors based on the following criteria:

1. A Senior Member must have lettered by their club's school-approved lettering policy all 4 years while a member of their HS KAY Club
2. A Senior Member must have lettered by their club's school-approved lettering policy at least 3 years while a member of their HS KAY Club.
3. A Senior Member must have lettered each year they were a member of the KAY club.

IDEAS FOR HONOR CORDS

1. Give to senior members to wear at graduation and keep
2. Provide to senior members to wear and then give back to the KAY club after graduation