



COMMUNITY CITIZENSHIP AWARD



PROJECT: **MY STATE**

GOALS

A. STATE CHALLENGE: Complete 1 of the 4 state challenges.

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Your city or town is a part of a state or province with its own government, financial system, sports teams, industries, and landscape. To learn more about your state and its attractions, complete one of the following challenges with a friend or family member. Have fun exploring!

Option 1—State Presentation

Using an online encyclopedia, books from library, or an atlas, find out facts about your state.

- *50states.com*

After researching, create an attractive poster presentation that shows at least 5 of the following:

- The shape of the state outlined. Show adjoining states but highlight your state.
- Your city and the capital.
- Fun facts about the state.
- Pictures or drawings of major attractions and where they are located in your state (you can also use symbols or icons to represent these on your drawing or map).
- Major industries (farms, factories, mills, mines, tech industries, research, etc).
- State flower, animal, and motto.
- A picture of the state license plates.

Option 2—Local Industry Field Trip

Each state has its own set of resources and industries that are important! This could be anything to microchips to coal, dairy farms, or lumber. Become an expert in a particular industry by visiting a working factory or industry. Visit the location and learn about the industry. Give a five minute presentation to a family member about what you learned.

Option 3—State Sports Teams

Each state has professional teams, semi-professional teams, and college sports teams. Depending on where you live, rooting for your local sports team is a huge part of your state culture. If you choose this challenge you are likely a sports fan yourself!

Step 1—Research

Visit *50states.com* and research “State Facts” and “Sports Teams.” Find out the following information:

- List the major teams and what city/school they play for.
- What are the mascots for these teams?
- Have the teams won any recent championships?
- Who are the key players for your favorite team?



Step 2—Log the Stats

Log your team’s statistics in a notebook, journal, or on the computer.

Step 3—Attend a Game (Optional)

Attend your favorite team’s game.

Option 4—Volunteer for a Local Non-Profit

Your city and state have many systems setup to help the people in your town. This might be the local food bank, homeless shelter, tutoring agency, sports clinic, or fundraising event. Find a local non-profit agency or a local event to help people or a problem in your area. Volunteer for at least one hour.

Volunteering Ideas

- Donate clothing or helping run an event to give resources to a local drive.
- Volunteer serving food in a soup kitchen or shelter.
- Spend time with students in local activity centers and after school programs for lower income neighborhoods.
- Participate in a local run or walk that is donating to a good cause in your area.
- Volunteer for the park district clearing trails and working outside caring for the natural areas near you.
- Help at the local animal shelter to care for animals.

RESEARCH MORE

- Complete the **Field Trip: Factory Tour** project
- *Rand McNally’s Kids’ Road Atlas* (December 14, 2012) by Kristy McGowan
- *worldatlas.com* or *encyclopedia.com*
- Visit your state’s official “Visitor’s Center”
- Go to your library and checkout a book on your state
- *National Geographic Kids’ United States Atlas* (July 10, 2012)
- *The United States of America: A State-by-State Guide* by Millie Miller
- *The Everything Kid’s States Book* by Brian Thornton

My child has successfully completed the Project Goals for the topic—My State.

Adult Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Complete SIX projects to earn your CITIZENSHIP award)