Sweat Equity FAQ

How many hours do I need to complete?

Atlanta Habitat homebuyers are required to complete 250 hours of sweat equity.

- 100 of the 250 hours must be completed by you and members of your household.
- 150 of the 250 hours may be completed by your household and/or friends, family, or co-workers that you recruit.

Where do I find out about new opportunities?

Sweat equity opportunities are updated monthly. They are listed on the opportunity sheet and class links sheet which you will find on our website, www.atlantahabitat.org, in the front lobby, and on the classroom hallway wall. In addition, when Atlanta Habitat staff need assistance at outreach events, you will receive an email request. If you are interested, just respond to the email.

What are the typical sweat equity opportunities?

They include volunteering on a build day, attending a community event, volunteering at the Re-Store, attending an Elective class, assisting Atlanta Habitat at an event, etc.

Who can complete sweat equity for me?

- Adults in your household or friends and family you recruit.
- Children, ages 9-17 living in your household may contribute to the completion of sweat-equity by participating in classes specifically designed for youth participation. Classes will be annotated as a Youth Class on the schedule and these are considered household hours.

How many hours do I receive for an hour of work/class/attending an event?

You receive one hour of sweat equity credit for every hour you participate. There will be opportunities to receive double and triple sweat equity for certain classes/events.

Elective Classes: You will receive sweat equity for each elective class after the first one that you attend. All elective classes require sign up.

Can I come to classes late/leave early?

- To get full credit for sweat equity hours, you are required to stay for the entire duration of class. If you leave prior to the end of class, you will not receive credit or sweat equity for attending. Anyone arriving 10 mins after the start of class, will not receive credit for attending.

Who can attend elective classes for sweat equity?

- Only household members can attend elective classes for sweat equity. Children, ages 9-17 living in your household may contribute to the completion of sweat-equity by participating in Home Smart classes specifically designed for youth participation. Classes will be annotated as a Youth Class on the schedule and these are considered household hours.

Can other homeowners donate their hours to me?

Other homeowners who have not closed yet can donate their extra sweat equity hours. Hours must be transferred before they close. To do this, the homeowner donating hours needs to contact us.

Can I submit copies of the Sweat Equity log sheets?

No. Only original sheets completely filled out and signed will be accepted to earn sweat equity credit.