



Citrus County Schools Bright Futures Community Service Form and Guidelines

Preface:

1. Community service is not a graduation requirement.
2. The Bright Future Scholarships require documented community service:
FAS = 100 hours FMS = 75 hours Gold Seal = 30 hours
3. Community service hours enhance a student's resume and scholarship opportunities.

Definition:

Community service is a contribution of individual service that enhances the community (with no monetary compensation) and that does not promote or serve a particular religion. (Round hours to nearest ½ hour)

What Hours Cannot Be Counted:

1. Court mandated community service
2. An activity for which a student benefited financially or materially for the community service hours.
3. All forms of duty within the family. The student's family includes parents, siblings, any of their grandchildren and any of their spouses, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. (This includes all "step-" relations.)
4. An activity which can be interpreted primarily as proselytizing / teaching religion OR religious devotion.
5. An activity where there is no leader or responsible adult on site to evaluate and confirm student performance.
6. Donations of any kind are not given community service (i.e. donating blood or cans, etc.)
7. Except for credit earned through service-learning courses adopted pursuant to section 1003.497, Florida Statute, students may not receive academic credit for service work performed.
8. An activity performed by a student prior to becoming a high school student or after the student's graduation date. A student is considered a high school student the summer prior to his/her 9th grade year.
9. Participation on a sports team (player / manager) or school-mandated (for grade) performance.

Possible Examples of Acceptable Community Service:

- Roadside or water cleanup projects
- Visiting/helping at nursing homes, hospitals or health facilities
- Yard or repair work for a needy family or the elderly
- Helping with Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts, Little League
- Community identified service projects/activities such as Relay for Life
- Adopt a Highway
- Food banks for the needy
- Aiding hurricane (or other natural disasters) victims
- Volunteer tutoring after school hours.

Many more opportunities exist! However, community service is subject to school counselor approval.

If in doubt if community service will be given, ask your school counselor!

**Before any community service hours will be added to a transcript, a student must complete the below form.
Please use one form for each activity in which you engaged.**

1. **Identify a Social Problem** – indicate with an “X” which social problem you plan to address:

- Preservation of the environment and/or the protection of historical sites
- Promotion of the health, welfare and safety of the community
- Improvement of the standard of living for residents of the community
- Encouragement of the growth of the arts in our community
- Improvement/enrichment of the lives of the disabled of our community
- Promotion of a quality life for the senior citizens of our community
- Provision of leadership, guidance and activities for our community youth
- High School course-based service-learning activities hours
- Improvement and enhancement of the school community
- Other: Identify a social problem not covered above

2. **Written plan** for personal improvement for identified social problem (50 words or less). Attach extra pages, if necessary.

3. **Evaluation and Reflection** of the experience (100 words or less): Attach extra pages, if necessary.

4. **Complete log of activity.** No more than 8 hours per day are allowed. Attach extra pages, if necessary.

Name:		Grade:	HMRM Teacher:	
Date	Hours (round to ½)	Agency	Activity	Signature of Adult Supervising

<p style="text-align: center;">The information above is correct and true. I realize I will be ineligible for my service hours if any of this information is found to be untrue.</p> <p>Parent Signature & Date: _____</p> <p>Student Signature & Date: _____</p>	<p>SCHOOL Personnel Verification</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p>Total Hours _____ Date _____</p>
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