

SJCS D Community Service Hours Guidelines

Community service hours are required for all Bright Futures Scholarship Awards – Florida Academic Scholars, Florida Medallion Scholars, and Gold Seal Vocational Scholars: 100, 75, and 30 hours respectively. Please note that many other scholarship organizations consider community service when selecting award recipients. Students may begin logging hours the summer before freshman year.

***Community service hours are NOT required for graduation.**

Below are some examples and some non-examples of eligible community service:

Community Service	NOT Community Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Service to a government agency ▪ Service to a not – for – profit local, national or international organization ▪ Service to a school or school organization – in which a grade is not awarded ▪ Service to a religious organization ▪ Participation in not – for – profit Fine Arts performances or exhibitions ▪ VPS hours provided a grade is not awarded ▪ Non – paid internships at a not – for – profit organization with prior school official approval ▪ Career Academy non-paid internships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Self-reported or parent reported hours will not be recognized ▪ Family related activities ▪ Hours in which students are compensated either monetarily or materially ▪ School related activities that have required attendance and/or are a part of the course requirement to earn credit ▪ Attendance at meetings which are required as part of membership in a club or organization ▪ Activities that cannot be documented on business letterhead ▪ Volunteer services for a for-profit business ▪ Fostering animals does not count for Bright Futures hours

Students are encouraged to choose a variety of opportunities or services when selecting and completing their community service hours. If a student is unsure if activities are considered viable, he/she should consult his/her school counselor prior to the activity.

Submitting Service Hours at Bartram Trail High School

- 1. The hours must be documented in writing on the letterhead of the non-profit organization;**
- 2. and, signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and the representative of the organization.**
- 3. Letters should be turned in to Mrs. Richards in the main Guidance office.**
- 4. It is recommended that students keep a copy of community service letters for their records.**

Community Service Options

Here are some ideas to help you find organizations for volunteer opportunities.

St Johns County Volunteers	https://www.stjohnsvolunteers.org/	Search for volunteer opportunities throughout St. Johns County
Volunteer Match	https://www.volunteermatch.org/	Search for volunteer opportunities throughout North Florida
St. Augustine Humane Society	http://www.staughumane.org/getinvolved/volunteer.html	Volunteers should be dependable, flexible, and hardworking.
Habitat for Humanity	https://habitatstjohns.org/volunteer/	Volunteers help by constructing homes, helping with events, or working at the office.
Goodwill	http://goodwilljax.org/volunteer-work	Volunteers may assist in any store locations (excluding Pound Stores & donation centers).
Episcopal Children's Service	https://www.ecs4kids.org/about/volunteer/	Volunteers work with children between the ages of 2 and 5 years old.
Mayo Clinic	https://www.mayoclinic.org/about-mayo-clinic/volunteers/florida/becoming-volunteer	Offers a summer program for teens from age 15 through the time you graduate from high school.
UF Health	https://ufhealth.org/volunteer	Offers ages 14-17 who have completed the 9th grade, an opportunity to volunteer in a variety of areas throughout the hospital.
Betty Griffin Center	http://bettygriffincenter.org/volunteer-career-opportunities/	Volunteer at either of the two thrift shops.
YMCA – KidZone	http://firstcoastymca.org/give/volunteer/	Volunteers, 16 and older, to help in YMCA KidZone.
Homeless Coalition of St Johns County	http://homelesscoalitionstjohns.com/become-a-volunteer/	Volunteers needed: Literacy and Children's Reading Tutors, Painters, Office Help, Fund Raiser, Gardeners
St Augustine Wild Reserve	http://www.staugustinewildreserve.org/Volunteer.htm	Volunteers participate in many activities at the Reserve including cage cleaning and maintenance. Volunteers must be over the age of 18, or be accompanied by a parent when they volunteer.
Castillo de San Marcos	https://www.nps.gov/casa/getinvolved/volunteer.htm	Historic Preservation