

**High School Community Service Application & Approval**  
**What Qualifies as Community Service**

**ONLY UNPAID HOURS PERFORMED IN THE SARASOTA COUNTY AREA AND  
APPROVED BY THE HSCS PROGRAM MANAGER QUALIFY**

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| Volunteer hours performed before graduating 8 <sup>th</sup> grade.  | NO  |
| Any qualifying hours after graduating 8 <sup>th</sup> grade (including the summer prior to the start of 9 <sup>th</sup> grade).                                       | YES |
| Most volunteer opportunities at non-profit or government entities.  | YES |
| Volunteering at a non-profit agency in place of a paid staff member.  | NO  |
| Internship with a <b>for-profit</b> business/agency.  | NO  |
| Reporting <b>8 hours or less</b> of community service within a 24 hour period.  | YES |
| Reporting <b>more than 8 hours</b> of community service within a 24 hour period.  | NO  |
| Helping at your parent's/other family members'/friend's place of employment without pay.  | NO  |
| Participating during religious services (e.g., alter server, choir, band, acolyte, teaching class., AV support).  | NO  |
| Volunteering with a place of worship outside religious services (e.g., nursery, office, community service project).   | YES |
| Religious mission work or camp, summer Bible School, or travel outside Sarasota County area.  | NO  |
| School sponsored sports that lead to earning a letter.  | NO  |
| Participation required to be a team, club, group, or band member including but not limited to team manager, hydration support, and Booster Club activities.           | NO  |
| Rehearsals or practices as a part of a team, club, group, or band including but not limited to plays, chorus, etc.  | NO  |
| Participating with team, club, group, or band in a <b>community service project or outreach event</b> for which attendance is not mandatory (e.g., scouts, 4-H, etc.) | YES |
| Volunteering at retirement or assisted living facilities conducting enrichment or entertainment activities.   | YES |
| Playing as a member on a sports team at a local county park or community sports team.   | NO  |
| Coaching, scorekeeping, refereeing for a little league team.  | YES |
| Supporting political campaigns or working at voting precincts.  | YES |
| Meetings for clubs, scouts, 4-H, organizations, etc.  | NO  |
| Serving as a teacher's aide or assistant during your own school hours.  | NO  |
| Tutoring/mentoring elementary, middle, or high school students before or after your own school hours.   | YES |
| Entertainment such as performances by drama, chorus, band, or orchestra, etc.   | NO  |