

(INSERT NAME) HIGH SCHOOL
COMMUNITY SERVICE PACKET
Identifying Meaningful Community Service Projects

To be meaningful, community service projects must address a real need or problem found within the school or community. Students must be given the opportunity to select a project that reflects both the needs of the community and their personal interests and skills. In addition, quality community service projects require an on-going commitment on the part of students. Hastily planned, short-term projects do little to foster the purpose of community service: **to provide service to the community and personal growth opportunities for students.** The following criteria should be considered when a student selects a community service project:

- The project addresses a real community need or problem.
- The project provides the student with the opportunity to provide meaningful and vital community service.
- The project allows the student to gain a greater understanding of the community need on which they are working.
- The project reflects the student's interests, talents, and abilities.
- The project provides the student with the opportunity to grow personally and academically.
- The project provides the opportunity for continuity of service and/or participation during the student's school experience.

The organizations and agencies listed below typically welcome volunteers. Agencies must be a registered non-profit agency. This list should help students generate ideas for community service projects.

United Way agencies/charities	City/County Governments
School Libraries	Civic organizations
Parks and Recreation Centers	Political Organizations
Convalescent homes/hospices/hospitals	Cultural centers/museums
Religious Organizations (excluding personal enrichment activities)	

Prior to beginning a community service project, students should contact their school counselor to insure their choice meets the appropriate guidelines listed above. However, **volunteering within a for-profit business or organization does not meet the acceptable community service guidelines and will not be accepted.** The following list includes examples of unacceptable places to do community service projects.

Professional office	Industrial firms
Retail stores	Restaurants
Motels/hotels	Realtors
Barber/beauty shops	Gas stations

Meeting the Requirements for Credit and Bright Futures

A minimum of 75 hours of community service is required to receive ½ credit if a student desires to earn credit. A maximum of 1 credit will be granted although a student may volunteer more than 150 hours of service. The Florida Bright Futures Program requires: 100 hours of community service to qualify for the Florida Academic Scholar Award, 75 hours for Florida Medallion Award, and 30 hours for the Florida Gold Seal Award.

(INSERT NAME) High School Community Service Activity Log

Directions:

1. Complete the information below. Print clearly or type.
2. Complete all sections of the log sheet.
3. Request signatures of all persons when the log sheet is completed.
4. Return completed log sheets to your school counselor. Request additional log sheets if needed.
5. Please attach a letter from the agency to document your hours. The letter must be written on agency letterhead with contact information included.

Name: _____ ID# _____

Agency /Program: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____ Phone No: _____

Log Sheet

Date	Duties Performed	Time	Total Hours

Total community service hours reported on this log: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Community Contact: _____ Date: _____

Print Name if different from above: _____