



LWHS Community Service

for Graduating Class of 2013 and Beyond

All previously earned community service hours would be counted. Hours earned after October 1, 2011 must follow the 2011 Florida Statute 1009.534

A student must complete a program of community service work, as approved by the district school board, the administrators of a nonpublic school, or the Department of Education for home education program students, which shall include a minimum of 75 hours of service work for high school students graduating in the 2010-2011 academic year and 100 hours of service work for high school students graduating in the 2011-2012 academic year and thereafter, and must identify a social problem that interests him or her, develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the problem, and, through papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her experience.

Requirements from the statute:

- 100 hours for “Academic Scholar”, 75 hours for “Medallion Scholar”, and 30 for “Gold Seal Vocational”
- Identify a social problem that interests the student
- Develop a plan for student involvement that addresses the social problem
- Evaluate and reflect upon the experience through papers or other presentations

Based upon these requirements, the terms “community service” and “volunteer service” **cannot** be used synonymously.

Community Service is defined as identifying and addressing a social issue in the community. This requires students to reach out into the community to help solve an issue (homelessness, poverty, abuse, hunger, bullying, literacy, addiction, etc.). These hours **will** meet the requirement for the Florida Bright Futures Award Program.

Volunteer Service is defined as assisting where needed and does not necessarily address a social issue. These hours are not recorded on the transcript, but students can keep a log of these activities for use when applying for college, job applications, awards and scholarships **other than** Bright Futures.

Hours that CAN Be Counted Must:

- Be approved by Mrs. Croft **PRIOR TO** starting
- Have proper documentation- see forms required below
- Be done during non-school hours
- Be done for a non-profit organization

**Hours That CANNOT Be Counted:**

- Hours completed prior to receiving approval to proceed from Mrs. Croft
- Family related activities
- Court mandated community service
- Service for the sole benefit of a religious house of worship and/or its congregation (cleaning the church, babysitting during a service, setting up sound equipment for a church service)
- Service for promoting a political candidate
- Co-curricular activities that are course requirements (band, chorus or orchestra rehearsals and/or performances)
- Any project or activity where students are compensated financially or with some other material benefit
- Any activity where there is no leader or responsible adult on site to evaluate and confirm student performance

Note: While clerical activities can be quite helpful to non-profit organizations, no more than 20% of hours earned can be of this nature. 80% of your hours **MUST** be earned by actively participating in roles that directly address a social issue.

Forms required for community service hours to be counted:

1. A proposal form approved and signed by Mrs. Croft **BEFORE** hours are started
2. A completed Record of Service Hours & Agency Application form (turned in at the conclusion of hours or school year)
3. An approved reflection- see packet for guidelines

Remember: Students should keep a copy of all forms submitted. Mrs. Croft will take the originals and file them.



Lake Wales High School Community Service Proposal

Name: _____ Date: _____

Student #: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Keep copies of all documentation for your records.

Please describe your community service project. Be specific.

State the social issue and your goals.

Name of organization where community service is to be performed

Reason for choosing this community service plan

Plan of action

I understand that this proposal to participate in community service is entirely voluntary on my part and that the completion of documented community service related to this proposal can be used to satisfy the community service requirement of the Florida Academic Scholarship. Selection of the organization, services performed, and documentation are the responsibility of the student. Signature of the parent indicates review and approval of this proposal and its activities. Transportation to and from outside agencies is the responsibility of the parent. Signature of the Community Service Proposal indicates that the student has presented an appropriate outline for meeting the community service requirement of the Florida Academic Scholarship.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Agency Contact Person Signature

Date

Email of Contact Person

Phone

Community Service Coordinator Signature

Date



LWHS Community Service Hour Log & Agency Contact Information

Student Name: _____ ID#: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Intended purpose of community service hours (check all that apply):

____ Academic Scholar (Bright Futures) ____ High School Credit ____ Graduation Honors

Agency Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title of Contact Person: _____

(This should be the name of the person who can verify the volunteer's hours and quality of the volunteer's work)

Phone: _____

Contact Person Signature: _____

Days and hours scheduled for involvement: _____

Brief description of student's role: _____

Date	Activity Performed	Time In	Time Out	Total Hours	Supervisor's Signature

Maximum number of hours per day is eight (8) without prior approval

Total Hours Logged: _____

C.S. Coordinator: _____ Signature: _____

Date Submitted: _____ Date Verified: _____

Community Service Coordinator: Aundrea Croft comserv@lwcharterschools.com



LWHS Community Service Reflections

Reflections are a **required** part of earning Community Service hours, but can take many forms. Below are some suggestions. If you wish to do something not on the list, please see Mrs. Croft and get approval **before** you do the reflection. Be sure to put your name, ID number and graduation year on your reflection before you turn it in!

- Prezi
- Keynote/PowerPoint
- Blog or journal of your time spent with brief reflections after each experience (or day)
- Video (you reflecting OR a movie of your experience that shows your thoughts on the four questions below- 3 to 5 minutes long)
- Podcast (same length as video)
- Comic strip with captions noting the four questions
- Written/typed reflection addressing the four questions (written- one side only; typed- double spaced, one side only)

Each reflection **MUST** include thoughtful responses to the following questions:

1. What goals were identified and accomplished? What goals were not accomplished?
2. Through this experience, what have you learned about yourself?
3. How has this experience made a positive impact upon your community?
4. Would you recommend this experience to others? Why/why not?

If turning in a digital project, please send it (or the link) via email to comserv@lwcharterschools.com. For hand written or drawn projects, please turn them in to Mrs. Croft. Videos and podcasts must be burned to a disc and turned in to Mrs. Croft, as well.



LWHS Community Service Agencies & Ideas

Below is a list of agencies that provide opportunities for Community Service and ideas for creating your own project. This list is not conclusive; it is simply to get you started. Agencies and projects not on the list may be acceptable based upon your proposal.

Lake Wales Care Center

140 E Park Avenue

Lake Wales, FL 33853

(863) 676-6678

<http://www.lakewalescarecenter.org/>

Cornerstone Hospice

Sherry DiSimone 863-242-9416

<http://www.cornerstonehospice.org>

Meals on Wheels of Polk County, Inc.

620 6th St. NW

Winter Haven, FL 33881

(863) 299-1616

<http://www.mealsonwheelspolk.com>

Make A Wish Foundation

324 N. Dale Mabry Hwy

Suite 203

Tampa, FL 33606

Phone: (813) 288-2600

information@suncoastwish.org

<http://www.wishcentralfl.wish.org>

United Way of Central Florida

PO Box 1357

Highland City, FL 33846-1357

(863) 648-1500

<http://www.uwcf.org/>

Boys and Girls Club of America

Lake Wales, FL 33881

Telephone: (863) 679-8582

SweatMonkey- search for projects in the area and submit hours (requires group join code)

Class of 2012 code- 189548540

Class of 2013 code- 146943260

Class of 2014 code- 949648390

Class of 2015 code- 303521460

<http://www.sweatmonkey.org>

Volunteer Match- search for projects in the area

<http://www.volunteermatch.org/>

National Service Learning Clearing

House- search for project ideas

<http://www.servicelearning.org/youthsite/high-school>

Dale R. Fair Babson Park Elementary

(863) 678-4664

www.lwcharterschools.com/babsonpark

Janie Howard Wilson Elementary

(863) 678-4211

<http://www.janiehowardwilson.com>

Hillcrest Elementary

(863) 678-4215

<http://hillcrestsoaringhawks.com>

Polk Avenue Elementary

(863) 678-4244

<http://www.polkavenue.net>



LWHS Community Service Graduation Honor & Bright Futures Requirements

The following are the hour requirements for Community Service **graduation honors**.

Note: Community Service is NOT a requirement for graduation.

Award	Hours Served
Certificate	10-49 hours served
Certificate with embossed seal	Beyond 50 hours served
Silver Pin	100 hours served
Medallion and Silver Cord	250 or more hours served
Exceeding Expectations Medallion	1000 or more hours served

The following are the Community Service hour requirements for **Bright Futures**.

Award	Hours Served
Academic Scholar	100 hours served
Medallion Scholar	75 hours served
Gold Seal Vocational	30 hours served