

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL INFORMATION GUIDELINES

- 100 hours of community service are required for the Florida Academic Scholars
- 75 hours of community service are required for the Florida Medallion Scholars
- 30 hours of community service are required for the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars

- Community Service is defined as follows:
 - contribution of individual service that enhances the community beyond the school day
 - non-paid
 - actual hours of service (Project hours are only inclusive of actual work. It does not include travel time, lunch time, etc.)
 - does not promote a particular religion or reflect religious philosophy in any way
 - community service is intended to address problems and issues of society**
 - **Note to pre-IB students:** The community action and service project for I.B. may only be completed during the junior and senior year.

- Examples
 - Roadside and water clean-up projects, visiting/helping at nursing homes and hospitals, doing volunteer yard work for a needy family or the elderly, helping with Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts, etc., assisting with community-identified service projects/activities, tutoring after school, aiding natural disaster victims, volunteering at church or other religious organization in a **non-teaching** capacity (e.g. child-care, meeting setup, sports, coaching, assisting an adult...).
 - Any work done on an individual basis (not through a school registered group) must be pre-approved by the guidance counselor in charge of community service.**

- Non-examples
 - Tutoring during school hours, attending government meetings, fundraisers (unless all of the money is directly donated to charity and it is not done during school time), anything done for family members, friends or a family business (students cannot count work in their parents' workstation as community service hours,) anything for which you are paid, court-ordered community service, working with a political campaign, club meetings, competitions, religious devotion or any church related activity which can be interpreted as religious teaching or training. Also, you **may not** use hours from any activity (e.g., university research, classes abroad, etc.) which awarded you high school credit.

- Documentation
 - Community Service forms are available in guidance. Be sure to keep record of hours served and obtain agency supervisor's signature as verification. Each instance of service should be at least one hour in length. (No credit awarded for percentages of time less than one hour.)
 - These forms should be submitted to the Guidance Office to be documented on your permanent record.

TIMELINES

- Community service hours must be turned in by the end of the school year in which they were completed.
- All community service forms should be turned in at least 45 school days prior to graduation. (End of 3rd quarter)

POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following is a list of organizations, telephone numbers and contacts who may provide opportunities for community service. Please feel free to volunteer at other organizations provided that the above guidelines are met. Please listen to the morning announcements for additional community service opportunities.

Adult Literacy	726-2430	Angela Mayo
<i>Withlacoochee Tech. Institute – Inverness</i>		
American Red Cross	564-8455	Mary Tata
Arbor Trail Health of Inverness	637-1130	Casey Torres
<i>611 Turner Camp Road-Inverness</i>		
Barrington Place	746-2273	Lieu Tift
<i>2341 Norvell Bryant Highway – Lecanto</i>		
Bicentennial Park Pool	795-1478	Robin Braswell
<i>8710 W. Godfrey Lane – Crystal River</i>		
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	344-0400	Magaly Ramirez
Blind Americans	637-1739	Robert Krokker
Boy Scouts	352-323-0379	Duane Reiker
CASA (Citrus Abuse Shelter)	344-8111	Diana Macintosh
Childhood Development Services	795-2667	Heather Young
<i>5641 W. Gulf-to-Lake Hwy. – Crystal River</i>		
Citrus Community Blood Bank	527-3061	Vera Vecchio
<i>1241 S. Lecanto Highway – Lecanto</i>		
Citrus Co. Animal Control	726-7660	Nell Lacharite
<i>4030 S. Airport Rd. – Inverness (*must be at least 16 yrs. of age)</i>		
Citrus Co. Chamber of Commerce		
<i>208 W. Main St. – Inverness</i>		
	726-2801	Susan Clemente
<i>28 NW Highway 19 – Cry. River</i>		
	795-3149	Katie Barnes
Citrus Co. Cooperative Extension Office	527-5700	Gloria Tyler
<i>(Grade 11 and 12 only)</i>		

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Citrus Co. Division of Housing	527-5400	Gloria Tyler
Citrus Co. Fair Association	726-2993	Hal Porter
Citrus Co. Family Resource Center 1534 Inverness Regional Shopping Center-Inverness	344-1001	Ginger West
Citrus Co. Health Dept.-Lecanto 3700 Sovereign Path-Lecanto	527-0247	Gerri Velazquez
Citrus Co. Historical Society 1 Courthouse Square Room 111-Inverness	341-6429	Laurie Diestler
Citrus Hospice, Inc. 3350 W. Audubon Path-Lecanto	527-2020	Judy Milton
Citrus Memorial Hospital 502 W Highland Blvd.-Inverness	344-6588, ext. 6298	Maria Nunze
Citrus Performing Arts Center 2301 Carter Street-Inverness	344-4422	Barbara Balser
Citrus United Basket (CUB) 210 N. Apopka Ave.-Inverness	344-2242	Deborah Rosseld
Community Service Court Program 110 N Apopka-Inverness	637-9811	Elicia Kuhl
Crystal River State Archaeological Site 3400 N Museum Point-Crystal River	563-1136	Nick Robbins or park mgr.
Cypress Cove Care Center 700 SE 8 th Avenue-Crystal River	795-8832	Melissa Meyers
Deaf Services Center of Citrus County 105 SE Highway 19-Crystal River	795-5000	Maurine Tambasco
Fire Department (all stations)	726-1606	Sue Vines
Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch Store	795-8886	Janice Cacciola
Girl Scouts 6431 E Glover St.-Inverness	726-4404	Kathy Ditchfield
Habitat for Humanity	341-1800	Terry Ruttman
Hero Assistance Dogs	560-3785	Diane White
Homosassa Springs Ch. of Commerce 3495 S. Suncoast Blvd.-Homosassa	795-3149	Kitty Barnes
Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park 4150 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa	628-5343	George Lee
Hernando – Pasco Hospice 2417 N. Lecanto Hwy –Lecanto	527-4600	Nilda Sessler
Key Training Center 1315 N. Van Nortwich Road-Lecanto	527-8228	Iris Whitaker
Library – Central Ridge (Beverly Hills) 524 W. Roosevelt Blvd.	746-4170	Mary Ellen
Library – Coastal Region (Crystal River) 8619 W. Crystal Street-Crystal River	795-3716	Delight Gignac
Library – Lakes Region (Inverness) 1511 Druid Road-Inverness	726-2357	Lynn Ehley
Meals on Wheels	726-0350	Gail Sturtedant
Salvation Army 3975 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd.-Homosassa	621-5532	Lt. Vanessa Miller
Senior Citizens Center (Lecanto) 1410 S. Lecanto Hwy.-Lecanto		Rosemarie Cutchins
Seven Rivers Community Hospital 6201 N. Suncoast Blvd.-Crystal River	795-8375	Kelly Perkins
Southwest Aquatic Plant Region 6355 S. Florida Ave.-Inverness	726-8622	
Special Olympics	302-9307	Butch Keiper
St. Martins Marsh Aquatic Preserve 15990 N. Tallahassee Rd.-Crystal River	563-0450	Nick Robbins
Sugarmill Manor 8985 S. Suncoast Blvd.-Homosassa	382-2531	Elaine Heller
Surrey Place Convalescent Center 2730 W. Marc Knighton Ct.-Lecanto	746-9500	Shirley Ioch Dickinson
United Way of Citrus County	527-8894	Barbara Wheeler
Y.M.C.A., 2805 Hwy. 44W, Inverness	637-0132	Amber Slusser
Yulee Sugar Mill Ruins State Historical Site 3400 N. Museum Pt-Homosassa	563-1136	Nick Robbins or park mgr.

For additional opportunities, please see GUIDANCE OFFICE STAFF.