



## — Christian Service Requirements —

It is out of the above statement that BFC's Christian Service requirement develops. As members of the body of Christ, we strive to do the work of God on Earth.

As a Christ-centered community, we seek to guide our students in reflecting the Image of God through their actions. The yearly service requirement enables students to put their faith into action as they work in service of others. Additionally, this requirement serves as a way for students to broaden their understanding of the community around them by offering their time and talents to people they do not meet on a daily basis. As a crucial graduation requirement, seniors will not receive their diplomas until the minimum number has been submitted. For underclassmen, service hours are a portion of student Theology grades each year.

Service hours for the Fall are due **December 1, 2026**. Service hours for the Spring are due **April 7, 2027**.

The chart below shows the minimum required number of service hours by year, which tally to the minimum number required in order to graduate.

| Freshmen | Sophomore | Junior   | Senior   | Total    |
|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 10 hours | 10 hours  | 12 hours | 12 hours | 44 hours |

Service hours must be submitted by the student who can complete the Google Form entitled "*Christian Service Submission Form*" found on the Christian Service page of the BFC website.

**Photos are required** if a parent is the contact person for service. These hours will not be accepted if a photo is not submitted with them. *When submitting photos, please ensure that only BFC students and persons over the age of 18 are represented in the photos. If the photo contains persons under 18 who are not BFC students, please obscure their faces.*

## SERVICE HONORS

As an undeniably Catholic community, BFC has several awards for students who go above and beyond in serving others. Members of the Sophomore class who submit over 50 hours and members of the Junior class who submit over 75 hours are recognized during award ceremonies in the Spring. All Seniors who submit more than 100 cumulative service hours during their time at BFC are recognized during the Senior Honors Banquet.

**WHAT IS CONSIDERED AN ACCEPTABLE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY?** When considering what actions may serve to fulfill the Christian Service requirement, ask yourself these questions as a guide:

| Answering “yes” to these questions makes an excellent service opportunity:                                                                                           | Answering “yes” to these questions <u>disqualifies</u> something as a service opportunity:                                                       |
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| Does this action affirm the dignity of another person?                                                                                                               | Is the person that you served a member of your family?                                                                                           |
| Does it empower or enable someone to claim or enhance their own dignity or somehow take more pride in themselves?                                                    | Were you required to be there or was it an expectation of the role (Student Council, Student Ambassadors, athletic team, Boy/Girl Scouts, etc.)? |
| Did you assist a teacher or staff member in improving the community? This can include BFC, your church, your former school, your neighborhood or a similar location. | Were you compensated for your time (class credit, monetary payment, other)?                                                                      |
| Did you care for God’s Creation — Earth, animals, etc.?                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                  |

## UNACCEPTABLE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The following items will not be considered for service hours:

- Helping family\*
- Going above and beyond for your athletic team or club (shagging balls, carrying equipment, filming, etc.)
- Hosting Future Ventures for shadow visits
- Items required by other clubs or organizations (Boy Scouts, Student Ambassadors, etc.)
- Any time you are compensated for your time whether through monetary payment, class credit or other means
- Hours submitted for NHS

*\* Recognizing that many students assist their grandparents and other elderly relatives, students are permitted to submit a total of 4 hours in this area each year. The remaining service hours must be completed elsewhere.* Please note that assisting immediate family members cannot be submitted under any circumstance.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information, visit [www.bishopfoley.org/christian-service](http://www.bishopfoley.org/christian-service).