



# Service Hour Requirements

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Community service is an essential element of our Christian faith. When we perform acts of service, we work together to service as Christ. During the school year, students are required to complete a service project. Please carefully review the guidelines listed below.

Freshmen and sophomore students must complete **a total of 10 hours** (at least 5 hours of service due first semester and 5 hours of service due second semester).

Juniors and seniors must complete **a total of 12 hours** (at least 6 hours of service due first semester and 6 hours of service due second semester).

**First semester service hours are due for all students by November 29, 2022, and second semester service hours are due for all students by April 18, 2023. Students may complete their total service hour requirement during the first semester.**

Projects may be submitted to the Mission and Ministry Office or be submitted electronically by sharing a Google Doc with the Campus Minister.

## PROJECT GUIDELINES

- » Multiple acts of service that total the required hours may be completed. However, two pictures per act of service must be submitted.
- » Only one essay is required per semester. The essay may explain multiple acts of service that total the required semester hours.
- » **Service must have been completed between June 10 and the semester due dates.**
- » Two pictures must be included with your project. Pictures must be of the student participating in the volunteer opportunity. Projects will not be accepted if the student is not in the pictures.
  - » Pictures should be attached to your essay and not be a part of the body of the essay itself.
  - » When providing pictures of your service project, please make sure to respect the privacy of those you may be serving. This means that you should make sure that they or the agency you serve allows for these pictures to be taken.
- » A one-page essay must be submitted. The essay must include the following:
  - » Papers should be one-page, double spaced with 1 inch margins. Font should either be Arial or Times New Roman.
  - » Include the number of hours you served.
  - » Explain your act of service and why you chose to participate.
  - » Give details of your overall experience. Was the experience what you expected? Did you like or dislike the experience?
  - » Explain how your service made an impact.
  - » Share what you learned.
  - » Explain how you were able to serve as Christ to others.

## SUGGESTED ACCEPTABLE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- » Helping at a non-profit organization, such as Gleaners, St. Vincent De Paul or the Humane Society
- » Serving as a lector or Eucharistic Minister at Bishop Foley masses
- » Volunteering at your church — ask your pastor if you can clean after mass, serve as an altar server or lector, or help with church events
- » Helping the elderly — buy groceries, do lawn care or clean their home; this may include a grandparent, but payment must NOT be collected for your service
- » Helping at an event at Bishop Foley Catholic
- » Volunteering at Vacation Bible School or other summer activities and events
- » Participating in Music Ministry or Student Ambassadors
- » Hosting a canned food drive — ask your neighbors, friends and family to donate food for an organization or parish in need
- » Collecting bottle returns from your community and donate the profits to your favorite non-profit organization
- » Babysitting a child who is not your sibling without receiving pay

## UNACCEPTABLE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- » Babysitting a sibling
- » Doing yardwork or cleaning your own house
- » Helping your immediate family move
- » Monetary donations are a wonderful way to help organizations in need, but simply donating money to an organization is not acceptable for this assignment.

**Questions or concerns? Please contact the Mission and Ministry Office.**