

## Community Service

Community Service is a requirement for graduation from Christian Home and Bible School. The requirement is 80 hours, and a student can begin accumulating these hours the summer prior to their ninth grade year. If a student enters CH&BS after ninth grade, they only have to have twenty hours for each year of attendance.

There are many ways to meet this requirement, and you may contact the guidance office for information regarding community service opportunities. After each act of service, a form must be filled out by the student explaining the type of work performed, and it must have the signature of the person who authorized the work. These forms are available in the guidance office, and should be turned into Mr. Hunton after completion. **It is becoming increasingly important for students to accumulate "QUALITY" community service hours. Scholarship opportunities more and more are requiring good, quality community service hours.**

Along with being a requirement to graduate, these community service hours may also greatly benefit the student when it comes time to apply for college scholarships. It is required by some of them, for example, the Florida's Bright Futures Scholarship. For others, it is an added bonus that can increase the student's chances of receiving the scholarship and make them stand out above others who apply for it.

Please keep in mind the following guidelines:

1. The student cannot be paid.
2. The student cannot take the place of a paid employee.
3. The service cannot be dangerous.
4. No economic benefits are to be allowed the student or student's family as a result of this service.
5. The service is not to be for the purpose of progressing any particular doctrine, political interest, or religion.
6. Some Youth Group service is acceptable when it involves community improvement through physical labor.

If a student chooses, the 80 hours may be used as an elective credit toward graduation by completing the following project:

1. Compose a paper of no less than 5 typewritten pages, double-spaced.
2. A title page that would include the place of service, the length of service and the name of the supervisor.
3. The paper would include the following:
  1. How you came about getting this community service opportunity
  2. Why you chose this particular place
  3. Would you choose this place as a possible place for your future career---why or why not?
  4. Do you feel that you contributed to the activities of the day while you were there?
  5. What is the most important lesson that you learned?
  6. Explain what you did (what your job was) and any interesting things that happened while you were there.