

Hearts That Help



*Youth Volunteer
Opportunities*

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LEON COUNTY VOLUNTEER SERVICES



Volunteers

Youth service learning is a form of experiential learning where students apply knowledge, skills, critical thinking and their judgment to address community needs. It is a method by which people can learn and develop through active participation in approved service experiences.

Service learning enriches learning through partnerships with the community. These real-world experiences provide helpful services to the community and encourage people to become hardworking members of society

There is a need for service learners from the community. Helping others is rewarding and meets the real needs for the community. Volunteering can be as simple as doing something you already do or adapting to new skillsets to meet the requirements of the tasks at hand. All while encouraging others around you to consider doing the same for the community. Review this approved service-learning list and lay out your personal plan. More than anything else reach out and become part of our community.

**Get
Connected**



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WHY STUDENTS SHOULD VOLUNTEER

It saves resources. Volunteering provides valuable community services so more money can be spent on local improvements.

Volunteers gain experience. You can work near your ideal career field and learn basic soft skills with the people you work with.

It brings people together. As a volunteer you assist in: Uniting people from different backgrounds to work toward a common goal and promoting teamwork.

It promotes personal growth and self-esteem. Understanding community needs helps foster empathy and self-efficacy.

Volunteering strengthens your community. As a volunteer you help:

- Support families (daycare and eldercare)
- Improve schools (tutoring, literacy)
- Support youth (mentoring and after-school programs)
- Clean the community (beaches, parks, etc.)

You learn a lot. Volunteers learn things like these:

- **Self:** Volunteers discover hidden talents that may change your view on yourself worth.
- **Government:** Through working with local non-profit agencies, volunteers learn about the functions and operation of our government.
- **Community:** Volunteers gain knowledge of local resources available to solve community needs.

You get a chance to give back. People like to support community resources that they use themselves or that benefit people they care about.

Volunteering encourages civic responsibility. Community service and volunteerism are an investment in our community and the people who live in it.

You make a difference. Every person counts!

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Did you know that your extracurricular activities can earn you money for college?

In particular, there are a lot of scholarships available to students who have chosen to spend their free time helping out others in their communities through volunteer work.

If you're the type of person who spends your free time helping others, you probably already know about some of the benefits of this type of work: you get to make a positive impact in your community while getting life experience that will help you develop as a person.

But you may not have been aware that there's another potential benefit: community service is also a great way to earn some extra cash for college. Many universities and organizations value individuals who they think will make a difference in the world, and offering scholarships to students who have dedicated their time to improving the lives of others is one way that they can contribute to those changes.

There are a lot of different kinds of community service scholarships, and they come from a lot of different sources, including charities, the government, religious groups, and universities themselves. Some of the scholarships offered will help fund tuition costs, while others will help you pay for charitable projects that you want to organize or give you the opportunity to do more volunteer work.

Though you may not have seen many of these scholarships advertised, **there are hundreds of them out there.**

A good resource is the college and financial aid counselors at your high school, who may know of local and national opportunities, as well as scholarships related to volunteer programs at your school.

Additionally, ask the organizations where you volunteer if there are any scholarships available. Quite frequently, churches, religious groups, hospitals, and other community clubs and organizations provide awards to help students with the cost of education. Highschool clubs like NHS and Key Club can also offer scholarship opportunities for students with their service.

The Bright Futures Scholarships is probably the most beneficial state-wide scholarship for all Floridians that can be acquired through community service. Here is the information regarding the requirements for Bright Futures:

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)/Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
2025-26

1. Submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduated from a Florida high school with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Complete the required high school coursework for admission to a state university.
4. Achieve the required minimum high school grade point average (GPA)
5. Achieve the required minimum score on either the ACT, CLT, or SAT college entrance exam. Tests accepted through August 31 of high school graduation year
6. Complete the required number of volunteer service, paid work hours, or the combination of 100 total hours.



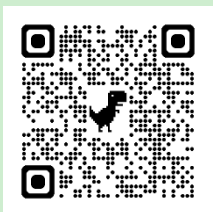
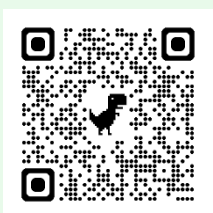
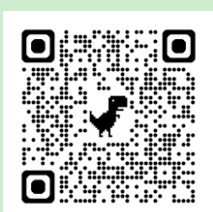
Type	16 High School College Preparatory Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT/CLT/SAT)	Volunteer Service Hours Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer /Paid Hours
FAS	4-English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4-Mathematics <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i> 3- Natural Science	3.50	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340 2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330	100	100	100
FMS	2 -Foreign/World Language <i>(sequential in the same language)</i>	3.00	2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210 2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190	75	100	100







¹The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 6.002. Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook.




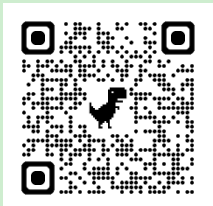
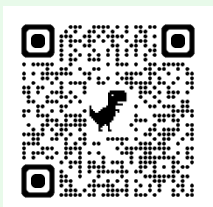
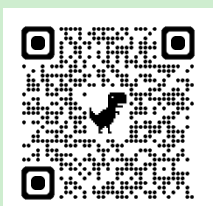
For detailed information, please refer to the Bright Futures Student Handbook.



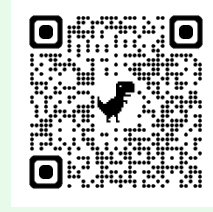
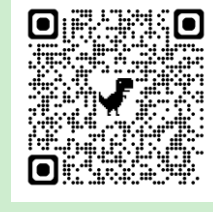
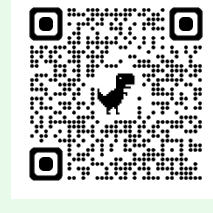
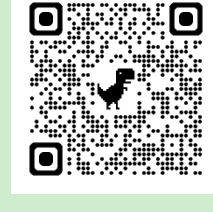
Eligibility requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.






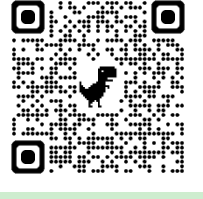
Students are responsible for tracking their application and award status online and ensuring that funding for an academic year is accurate by contacting their institution's financial aid office.

Community Organizations		
Organization Name	Details	QR Code
Ability 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1832 Buford Court • (850) 575-9621 • 15+ 	
Alfred B. Maclay State Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3540 Thomasville Road • (850) 241-8325 • 12+ 	
American Junior Golf Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1980 Sports Club Dr Braselton , GA • (816) 244-4058 • 15+ 	
American Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1115 Easterwood Drive • (850) 491-2997 • 16+ 	
Animal Shelter Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PO Box 13858 • (850) 894-6738 • 16+ (12+ adult supervision) 	

Center for Leadership and Social Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1100 Dunlap Student Success Center • (850) 644-3342 • 16+ 	
Elder Care Services - Adult Day Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2518 W. Tennessee St. • (850) 245-5930 • 5+ 	
Faith Christian Family Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 310 Laura Lee Avenue • (850) 671-3030 • 13+ 	
Ferst Readers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1115 Easterwood Drive • (904) 248-0165 • 16+ 	
Goat House Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17870 Larkin Ct. W • (850) 666-4714 • 8+ 	
Goodwill Industries - Big Bend, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 Mabry Street • (850) 576-7145 • 16+ 	

Jacob Chapel Baptist Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2333 Lake Bradford Road • (850) 574-3150 • 11+ 	
Kalivia's Angelic Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 516 W. Orange Avenue • (850) 756-9785 • 17+ 	
Kearney Center - Kitchen Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2650 Municipal Way • (850) 792-9000 • 16+ 	
Keep Tallahassee - Leon County Beautiful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PO Box 191 • (850) 545-6507 • 12+ (adult supervision) 	
Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PO Box 16639 • (850) 414-9800 • 12+ 	
Lincoln Neighborhood Service Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 438 West Brevard • (850) 891-4180 • 13+ 	

Leon County Supervisor of Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2990-1 Apalachee Parkway • (850) 606-8683 • 16+ 	
MAACA, INC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1375 Cross Creek Cir. #A • (850) 942-6222 • 15+ 	
Motivating People through Arts and Crafts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 636-6 Railroad Square • (850) 792-2737 • 17+ 	
Meek-Eaton Black Archives Research Center and Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1601 S Martin Luther King Boulevard • (850) 599-3020 • 17+ 	
NAMI Tallahassee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1713 Mahan Drive Suite B Lower Level • (850) 841-3386 • 16+ 	
New Life Baptist Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3625 Woodville Highway New Life Baptist Church • (850) 545-4657 • 13+ 	

Omega Lamplighters, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1872 Mill Street Suite C 5243 • (214) 364-2921 • 14+ 	
Rise Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1341 Cross Creek Cir. • (850) 766-3106 • 17+ 	
Rotary Youth Camp of North Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1906 Buford Blvd • (850) 328-0302 • 14+ 	
Society for Charity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 Forest Lane Newnan, GA • (229) 339-1099 • 16+ 	
St. Mark's Wildlife Refuge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.O. Box 68 St. Marks • (850) 925-6121 • 16+ 	
Tallahassee Trainers Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1551 Capital Circle SE Suite 3 • (850) 321-2358 • 16+ 	

<p>Teens Tutor Teens</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3584 Biltmore Ave. • (850) 345-2030 • 13+ 	
<p>Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (AYZ) Youth Auxiliaries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1252 Dicus Lane • (850) 510-0146 • 14+ 	