

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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**YOUTH
VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

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LEON COUNTY VOLUNTEER SERVICES

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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.



Website: Volunteerleon.org/GetConnected

Phone: (850) 606 1970

**Address: 301 S Monroe Street, Suite 502V
Tallahassee, FL 32301**

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, eldercare)
- Improve schools (tutoring, literacy)
- Support youth (mentoring, 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) 2025-27

Florida high school students who wish to qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) award or the Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) award must meet the following initial eligibility requirements:

- Graduate high school from a Florida public high school with a standard Florida high school diploma (**high school graduation requirements**), graduate from a registered Florida Department of Education private high school, earn a **GED**, complete a **home education** program, or graduate from a non-Florida high school if specific conditions are met (see the Out-of-State (OOS) guide referenced here for additional details – **OOS**);
- Complete the required high school coursework;
- Achieve the required minimum high school grade point average (GPA);
- Achieve the required minimum score on either the ACT[®], CLT[®], or SAT[®] college entrance exam. Tests taken no later than August 31 are accepted for evaluation purposes.
- Complete the required number of volunteer service, paid work hours, or the combination of 100 total hours; and
- Submit an FFAA during your senior year between October 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026.

Type	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT [®] /CLT [®] /SAT [®])	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/Paid Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	2025-26 Graduates ² : 29/95/1330 2026-27 Graduates ³ : 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2025-26 Graduates ² : 24/82/1190 2026-27 Graduates ³ : 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours

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.



ORGANIZATIONS		
Organization Name	Details	Additional Information
2-1-1 Big Bend	• (850)-617-6303 • 18+ years old	
4 Steps Horse Rescue located at Crazy 8 Ranch	• 812 Sir Richard Rd • (850)-524-3484 • 13+	
American Red Cross - Capital Area Chapter	• 1115 Easterwood Dr • (850)-878-6080 • 14+ years old	
Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park	• 3540 Thomasville Rd • (850)-241-8325 • 14+ years old	

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Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend	• (850)-656-6519 • 14+ years old	
Big Bend Hospice	• 1723 Mahan Center Blvd • (850)-878-5310 • 18+ years old	
Bond Community Health Center	• 1720 S Gadsden St • (850)-576-4073 • 16+ years old	
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend	• 565 E Tennessee St • (850)-386-6002 • 14+	
Big Bend Cares, Inc.	• 2201 S Monroe St • (448)-241-3121 • 16+ years old	

Organization Name	Details	Additional Information
BuddyKnit	• 5663 Braveheart Way • (850)-755-1036 • 15+ years old	
CESC, Inc. (The Kearney Center)	• 2650 Major James Morgan Jr. Way • (850)-536-6053 • 16+ years old	
Challenger Learning Center	• 200 S Duval St • (850)-645-7827 • 14+	
Damayan Garden Project	• staff@damayan.org • 16+ years old	
Elder Care Services	• 2518 W Tennessee St • (850)-245-5930 • 14+ years old	

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Goat House Farms	• 17870 Larkin Ct W • (850)-666-4174 • 8+ years old	
Goodwill Industries - Big Bend Inc,	• 300 Mabry St • (850)-576-7145 • 13+ years old	
Gadsen Arts Center Museum	• 13 N Madison St • (850)-627-5020 • 16+ years old	
Good News Outreach	• 606 W 4th Ave • (850)-692-3301 • 16+ years old	
Homework Hub Tutor	• 200 W Park Ave • (850)-606-1970 • 14+ years old	

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Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend	• (850)-414-9800 • 12+ years old	
LeMoyne Arts	• 125 N Gadsden St • (850)-222-8800 • 14+ years old	
Leon County 4-H	• 615 Paul Russell Rd • (850)-606-5214 • 5-18 years old	
Leon County Humane Society	• 413 Timberlane Rd • (850)-224-5209 • 16+ years old	
Leon County Library System - Main & Branches	• 200 W Park Ave • (850)-606-1970 • 12+ years old	

Organization	Details	Additional Information
Lotus Flower Wellness Temple Inc.	• 625-13 Railroad Square • (850)-445-3740 • 16+ years old	
Motivating People Through Arts and Crafts	• 636-6 Railroad Sq • (850)-792-2737 • 16+ years old	
Mission San Luis Living History Museum	• 2021 Mission Rd • (850)-245-6406 • 16+ years old	
Meek-Eaton Black Archives Research Center and Museum	• 1601 S Martin Luther King Boulevard • (850)-599-3020 • 17+ years old	
St. Marks Wildlife Refuge	• 1255 Lighthouse Rd • (850)-925-6121 • 14+	

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STEMS4Girls Inc.	• 914 Railroad Ave • (850)-688-2718 • 14+ years old	
The Salvation Army Church Tallahassee	• 5028 Tennessee Capital Blvd • (850)-270-3679 • 16+ years old	
The Plant	• 517 W Gaines Street • (850)-597-4942 • 14+ years old	
The Living Harvest Inc.	• 1219 W Tharpe St • (850)-900-5930 • 16+	
United Way of the Big Bend	• 307 E 7th Ave • (850)-414-0844 • 18+ years old	

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