

Youth Volunteer Opportunities



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.

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Tallahassee, FL 32301

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STUDENT TIPS FOR VOLUNTEERING

When you are involved in a volunteer activity, you not only represent yourself, you also represent your high school and the agency you are volunteering for. Many students have been able to use their experiences as a stepping-stone to paid employment, references for scholarships, jobs, and continued volunteering for many other opportunities available out there. This is why it is important that you put your best self forward. The following are tips to follow:

1. If you sign up for an activity, be sure to attend or know the number to call if you cannot attend or will be late.
2. In a work situation, calling friends or texting on your phone during the job is frowned upon. Be sure to silence your phone or turn it off when you are working.
3. Dress appropriately for the activity.
4. Arriving late does not make a good impression. Go the extra mile and strive to arrive early and leave when the work is done.
5. Thank the person who has given you the opportunity to volunteer. It really makes a good impression.
6. If you sign up to volunteer with a friend, make sure that you both act professionally.
7. Be flexible. Weather and staffing situations sometimes change. Trying something new leads to new opportunities.
8. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Open communication is crucial while working with other people.

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR EXPERIENCE

Ask yourself:

- What kinds of work am I interested in?
- Who would I like to help (such as children, seniors, animals)?
- What social or environmental issues would I like to address?
- How much time do I have to volunteer?
- What do I want to get out of volunteering?
- Is this a chance to meet people, make a difference, use a skill or talent, or gain professional experience and contacts?

Choose organizations.

Find organizations you're interested in, then:

- Ask for a tour of the facility.
- Ask questions.

Go beyond your comfort zone.

Try something you've never tried before to help you build new skills and relations.

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)

2022-23

Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Florida Department of Education)

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 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state university.
4. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses per the chart below.
5. Achieve the required composite ACT® or combined SAT® score no later than June 30 of the student's graduation year (or through January 31 for mid-year graduates), per the chart below.
6. Complete the required number of volunteer service **or** paid work hours per the chart below.

Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Hours ²	Paid Work Hours ²
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)	3.50	2022-23 Graduates: 29/1330 2023-24 Graduates: 29/1340	100 hours	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2022-23 Graduates: 25/1210 2023-24 Graduates: 25/1210	75 hours	100 hours

¹ The 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](#).

² Students must earn either the required volunteer service **OR** paid work hours, but not a combination of both.

Requirements to Receive an Award: (As determined by the postsecondary institution)

1. Be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) as meeting initial eligibility requirements.
2. Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
3. Enroll as a degree- or certificate-seeking student at a Florida institution in at least 6 non-remedial semester credit hours.

Renewal Requirements: (As determined by grade and hours submitted by the postsecondary institution)

1. Students must earn the number of credit hours based on the student's enrollment type per term.
2. The renewal cumulative GPA requirements are outlined in the table below.

	Florida Academic Scholars (FAS)	Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS)
Minimum Cumulative GPA (unrounded and unweighted)	3.0	2.75

For detailed information, including other ways to qualify, 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.

Ability 1st



- 1823 Buford Court
- <https://www.ability1st.info/come-a-volunteer/>
- contact@ability1st.info
- 850.575.9621
- 15+

America's Second Harvest



- 4446 Entrepot Boulevard
- <https://fightinghunger.org/volunteer/>
- 850.562.3033
- 12+ (12-16 need parent present)

Brehon Family Services



- 1315 Linda Ann Dr
- <https://brehonfamilyservices.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
- hbush@brehonfamilyservices.org
- 850.656.7110
- 16+

Alfred B. Maclay State Garden



FLORIDA STATE PARKS

- 3540 Thomasville Road
- <https://volunteers.floridastateparks.org/>
- 850.487.4115
- 14+ (13 & under need parent present)

Big Bend Cares



- 2201 S Monroe Street
- <https://bigbendcares.org/volunteer/>
- 850.656.2473
- 16+

Brookdale Senior Living



- 1980 Centre Pointe Blvd
- <https://www.brookdale.com/en/brookdale-life/volunteering.html>
- 850.309.7500
- 16+

American Red Cross



- 1115 Easterwood Dr
- <https://www.redcross.org/>
- 850.878.6080
- 13+

Big Bend Homeless Coalition



- 2729 West Pensacola Street
- <https://familypromisebigbend.org/volunteers-partners/>
- 850.576.5566
- 16+

Leon County Schools



- <https://volunteers.leonschools.net/>
- Walker7@leonschools.net
- no age limit

Challenger Learning Center

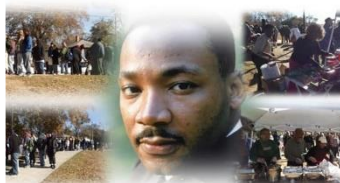


- 200 S. Duval Street
- <https://www.challengertlh.com/>
- jessica.hitze@challengertlh.com
- 850.645.7827
- 17+

Daughters & Sons of Destiny Outreach Ministries Inc.

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14th Annual Dr. MLK Feed the Homeless Day



- 4377 Crawfordville Road Suite C
- destinychurchofgod@gmail.com
- 850.524.0617
- 12+

Volunteer Florida



- 1545 Raymond Deihl Road Suite 250
- <https://www.volunteerflorida.org/contact/>
- info@volunteerflorida.org

Children's Week of Capital Events



- 3425 Bannerman Road
- <https://childrensweek.org/>
- info@childrensweek.org
- 850.222.3868
- 13+

Elder Affairs State of Florida



- 4040 Esplanade Way, Suite 380
- <https://ombudsman.elderaffairs.org/volunteer/>
- LTCOPInformer@elderaffairs.org
- 850.414.2000
- 18+

Florida Wild Mammal Association



- 198 Edgar Poole Rd
- <https://fwma.org/volunteer/>
- choppaotta@aol.com
- 850.363.2351
- 16+

City of Tallahassee-Parks, Rec., & Neighborhood Affairs



- 1201 Mayers Park Drive
- <https://www.talgov.com/parks-jobs>
- 850.891.3866
- 16+

Elder Care Services



- 1660-11 North Monroe Street
- <https://eldercarebigbend.org/volunteer>
- 850.245.5916
- 18+

Friends of Wakulla



- 465 Wakulla Park Dr.
- <https://wakullasprings.org/Volunteer-Opportunities>
- jackie.m.turner@floridaDEP.gov
- 850.561.7276
- 16+

FSU-Center For Intensive English



- 634 W. Call St. Hecht House
- <https://cies.fsu.edu/>
- pkennell@fsu.edu
- 850.644.4797
- 16+

Florida Conference



Florida Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists

- 351 S. State Road 434
- <https://floridaconference.com/become-an-officially-appointed-volunteer/>
- 407.644.5000
- no age limit

Girls on the Run Panhandle



- PO box 13686
- <https://www.gotrpanhandle.org/volunteer>
- MAICEL.GREEN@GIRLSONTHERUN.ORG
- 850.509.7728
- 16+

First Presbyterian Preschool



- 110 N. Adams St.
- <https://firstprespreschool.net/index.html>
- director@firstprespreschool.net
- 850.222.4587
- 16+

Florida United Methodists Conference



- 450 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue
- flumcdisasterrecoveryministry.org/volunteer.html
- jhockin@flumc.org
- 868.688.5563

Goodwill Industries-Big Bend



- 300 Mabry Street
- <https://www.goodwillbigbend.org/apply-to-volunteer/>
- info@goodwillbigbend.com
- 850.576.7145
- 16+

Florida Disabled Outdoors Association



- 3035 Eliza Rd
- <https://www.fdoa.org/>
- info@sportsability.org
- 850.201.2944
- 14+

Grace Mission



- 303 W. Brevard Street
- <http://gracemission.net/get-involved/volunteer/>
- volunteer@gracemission.net
- 850.224.3817
- 16+

Girls and Boys Town



- 3555 Commonwealth Blvd
- 850.575.6422
- College Student Only

Good News Outreach



- 606 W. 4th Ave
- <https://www.goodnewsoutreach.org/get-involved>
- info@goodnewsoutreach.org
- 850.412.0016
- 16+

Kids Voting Leon County



- PO Box 6528
- www.klvc.org
- kidsvoting@gmail.com
- 850.425.2216
- 15+

Muscular Dystrophy Association



- 1574-B Village Square Blvd.
- www.mda.org/
- cleee@mdausa.org
- 850.681.6763
- 16+

Junior Achievement Big Bend



- 2840 Pablo Ave
- jabigbend.org
- jordyn@jabend.org
- 850.544.5510
- 15+

Lincoln Neighborhood Service Center



- 438 West Brevard Street
- <https://www.talgov.com/parks/centers-lincoln>
- fadre.hawkins-brown@talgov.com
- 850.891.4180
- 13+

Museum of Florida History



- 500 South Bronough St.
- www.museumoffloridahistory.com/
- MFHvolunteer@dos.myflorida.com
- 850.224.2143
- 18+

Keep Tallahassee Leon County Beautiful



- 3112 Beaumont Dr, 32309
- <https://keeptallahasseeleoncountybeautiful.com/>
- keeptallahasseebeaut@comcast.net
- 12+

Living Stones International



LIVING STONES INTERNATIONAL

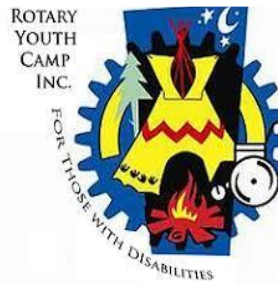
- 1341 Cross Creek Circle
- www.welivingstones.org/
- info@welivingstones.org
- 850.765.0485
- 16+

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tallahassee



- 712 East 7th Ave.
- <https://rmhctallahassee.blog>
- ronmac@rmhctallahassee.org
- 850.222.1706
- 13+

Rotary Youth Camp of North Florida



- 1906 Buford Blvd
- www.rycnf.org/
- campryc@gmail.com
- 850.328.0302
- 13+

Southern Scholarship Foundation



- 322 Stadium Dr.
- www.southernships.org/
- admissions@southernship.org
- 850.222.3822
- 16+

St. Mark's Wildlife Refuge



- PO Box 68 Marks, FL 32355
- www.fws.gov/refuge/st_mark/
- lorinicholson@fws.gov
- 850.925.6121
- 12+

Salvation Army



- 2410 Allen Rd.
- www.salvationarmytallahassee.org/
- 850.222.0304
- 16+

Southern Shakespeare Company



- 119 South Monroe St. #300
- <http://southernshakespearefestival.org/volunteer/>
- All Ages

State of Florida-DOA Division of Forestry



- 3125 Connor Blvd.
- www.fdacs.org
- FFSupport@FDACS.gov
- 850.681.5800
- 14+

Simple Solar Systems



- 3118 W. Tharpe St.
- <https://simplersolarsystems.com/about/>
- info@simplersolar.com
- 850.576.5211

Special Olympics Florida Leon County



- 325 John Knox Rd., Ste.K210
- bridgethawks@specialolympicsleon.org
- 850.552.2697
- 15+

Tallahassee Museum



- 3945 Museum Rd.
- <https://tallahasseeuseum.org>
- volunteer@tallahasseeuseum.org
- 850.575.8684
- 14+

Tallahassee Trust for
Historic Preservation



- 424 East Virginia St.
- www.taltrust.org/
- taltrust@comcast.net
- 850.488.7334
- 14+

The Human Society of the
United States



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

- 2100 L St., NW Washington,
DC 20037
- www.humanesociety.org/volunteer
- florida@hsus.org
- 850.452.1100
- 12+

Unity Eastside Church



- 8551 Buck Lake Rd.
- <http://unity-eastside.org/>
- admin@unity-eastside.org
- 850.656.1678
- 12+

TCC Service Learning &
Civic Engagement



- 444 Appleyard Dr.
- catalogtcc.fl.edu/
- 850.201.6146
- 10+

UF/IFAS Wakulla County
Extension Office

UF | IFAS Extension
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA



- 84 Cedar Ave. Crawfordville,
FL 32327
- <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/wakulla/>
- skennedy@ufl.edu
- 850.926.3931
- 13+

Vet Events Tally



- 241 Lake Ella Dr.
- <http://veteventstally.org/volunteers>
- info@veteventstally.org
- 850.756.8929
- 10+

Tallahassee Composite
Squadron Civil Air Patrol



- 3246 Capital Circle SW
- kenneth.jacobs@flwgcaps.us
- 850.284.5304
- 12+

United Way of the Big Bend



- 307 East Seventh Ave.
- <http://uwbb.org/>
- berneice@uwbb.org
- 850.414.0844
- 12+

Wakulla County Clerk of
Courts



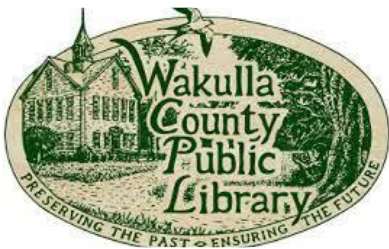
- 3056 Crawfordville Hwy.
Crawfordville, FL 32327
- www.wakullaclerk.com/
- gjames@wakullaclerk.com
- 850.926.0905
- 16+

Wakulla County Health Department



- 48 Oak St. Crawfordville, FL 32327
- <http://wakulla.floridahealth.gov/>
- CHD65Web.zzzzFeedback@flhealth.gov
- 850.926.0400
- 14+

Wakulla County Public Library



- 4330 Crawfordville Highway Crawfordville, FL 32327
- <http://wcpl.wildernesscoast.org/>
- pam@wakullalibrary.org
- 850.926.7415
- 15+

Big Bend for Humanity



- 2921 Roberts Avenue
- <https://bigbendhabitat.org/volunteer/>
- 850.574.2288
- 16+

Wakulla County Historical Society



- 24 High Dr. Crawfordville, FL 32327
- <http://wakullahistory.org/>
- mailbox@wakullahistory.org
- 850.926.1110
- 14+

Wakulla County School Board



- 69 Arran Rd. Crawfordville, FL 32327
- www.wakullaschooldistrict.org/about-our-district/school-board
- 850.926.0065
- 15+

Goodwood Museum



- 1600 Miccosukkee rd
- <https://www.goodwoodmuseum.org/>
- goodwood@goodwoodmuseum.org
- 850.877.4202

Wakulla Pregnancy Center



- 886 Woodville Highway Crawfordville, FL 32326
- www.wakullapregnancycenter.org/
- info@wakullapregnancycenter.org
- 850.210.1276

Wakulla State Forest



- 3674 Bloxham Cutoff Rd. Crawfordville FL. 32327
- jai.subramanya@FDACS.gov
- 850.421.3101
- 10+