

Some Suggested Eligible Activities for Community Service Hours:

Help your Community....

- Through placement in a structured community-based volunteer organization-hospitals, churches, service clubs, libraries or any organization reviewed by the United Way of Windsor and Essex County;
- Take part in environmental initiatives-cleaning and recycling operations, park cleanup, planting trees and flower beds (students should not use power tools-lawn mowers, hedge trimmers, wood chippers, etc);
- Get involved in charitable activities-walkathons, daffodil sales, canvassing for organizations, gift wrapping, gala events;
- Coach sports teams-community leagues, parks and recreation programs;
- Undertake a leadership role to help community groups-guides or scouts, 4H Club;
- Assist with literacy initiatives-at local libraries, day care centers, community centers;
- Participation on committees, advisory boards or regional associations;
- Arts and culture-assist at a gallery, performing arts production or program;
- Religious activities-participate in programs for children, child minding, Sunday school assistant;
- Assist at a senior's home/center-visit, read, play cards or board games, crafts, take seniors for walks;
- Help organize local community events-food drives and food banks, Special Olympics, fairs, carnivals;
- By providing service to seniors-raking, shoveling (no snow blowers), shopping (students should not drive vehicles for this purpose), visiting, reading, meal preparation;
- Tutor younger students-read, take to library, help with homework.

Help your School....

- school based community involvement activities not tied to an academic credit and open to any student eg. Organizing blood drives, help in the library (shelving books, tidying up, changing bulletin boards);
- tutor other students-help with homework, review, assist students with special needs-peer buddy;
- assist with planning of arts or athletic events-publicity, set up for track meets, sell tickets, attend coat check, offer technical support, coach sport teams—NOTE: PARTICIPATION IN A CLUB OR ON A TEAM DOES NOT COUNT;
- facilitate school events such as parent information nights-meet and greet visitors, give guided tours, serve refreshments;
- assist with environmental activities-recycling, planting trees and flowers, grounds keeping (students should not use power tools);
- participate in charitable initiatives-food drives, holiday drives for toys/food.

An Ineligible Activity...

- undertaken prior to the student's formal registration as a high school student;
- is a requirement of a class or course in which the student is enrolled;
- would normally be performed for wages by a person in the workplace;
- involves the operation of a vehicle, power tools or scaffolding;
- involves banking or the handling of securities, or the handling of jewelry, works of art, antiques, or other valuables;
- consists of duties normally performed in the students' home (ie. daily chores) or personal recreational activities; involves a court ordered program (ex. Community service program for young offenders, probationary program).

Roles and Responsibilities of the Student....

Students are responsible for completing their Community Involvement Hours in a manner that demonstrates a positive work ethic and respect for others. The following behaviour guidelines will be helpful:

Be punctual / Dress and groom appropriately / Listen to instructions / Follow through / Maintain confidentiality when necessary