

Service Hours at Holland Christian High School

All students at Holland Christian High School are required to meet a “**service hour**” requirement of **ten hours each year of their high school career**. This is the minimum requirement; many students choose to do more. Holland Christian added a service hour component as a requirement for graduation to encourage students to take their faith and beliefs out into the world. Jesus said, “Whoever wants to become great among you must become your servant,” and “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.” As people of God, saved by grace, we feel called to live a life of service for God. It is our desire that students have the joy of experiencing different and diverse opportunities to serve God by serving others. Many times we do not know the joy of something until we actually experience it ourselves, so we want to encourage, support, and sometimes prod students out of their comfort zones and into new areas of experience. This matches the kind of environment that we desire to set both inside and outside the classroom.

God has given all of us gifts that we can use for others. Every student can feel a sense of accomplishment as they use the unique gifts and opportunities that God has given them. Be creative and adventurous, caring and compassionate. Be a leader and a servant. As you have been blessed, be a blessing. We pray God’s blessing on you as you reach out to others.

All Service hours must meet the following criteria:

No hours may be performed for pay.

No hours may be done for a family member (meaning for their benefit, if they are the supervisor of a service project you may work with them).

You may not count hours that were assigned by a court or a judge.

The service hour year runs from the first day of summer vacation through the last day of exams.

The following projects qualify for any of the forty required hours:

Any mission project

Any Nursing Home project

Bibles for Mexico Thrift Store

Big Sister/Big Brother

Bridge

Buen Pastor

CASA (through Hope College)

C. R. W. R. C.

Child Care

Christian Service Club

City on a Hill

Community Action House

Cornerstone Ministries

Ditto

Evergreen Commons

Good Samaritan Center

Habitat for Humanity

Holland Rescue Mission

Kid’s Hope

LEAP Program at 14th St. CRC

Project Pride & other environmental projects

Right to Life

S.E.R.V.E

Salvation Army

Soup Kitchens

Special Education Ministries

S.T.S. or equivalent

S.W.I.M

Teaching in church (Sunday school, Bible school, Worship Center, etc.)

Tutoring in other schools (PREP @ Montello Park Church)

Urban Youth Ministries

Volunteer Camp Counselor (Like Camp Sunshine, Grace, Camporee, etc.)

Work at a Hospital

Youth Group leader (Cadet Counselor, GEMS, Awana, Jr. High, etc.)

Youth Group Mission/Work Projects

The following qualify for up to fifteen hours:

Clean up, lawn care, windows, etc. for elderly

Southside Fun Day

Family Research Council

Fund Raisers where money goes to help others

Humane Society

Ice Busters, mowing lawns, raking leaves, etc. for those who cannot themselves.

Praise band, group at church (not at or connected with school without permission)

Recreation League (coach, umpire/referee)

Sound System at Church

Teen Court

Tutoring in Inclusive Education

Youth Advisory Committee (city wide)

The following do not apply without special prior permission from the Director of Student Life:

Preparation time for any of the above

Work done for relatives

Anthon fund raisers (bike-a-thon, run-a-thon, walk-a-thon, etc.)

Work done for pay

Nursery or ushering in church

Special music

Committee work

Fund raisers for yourself (Example: money for a youth group trip)

Students are encouraged to contact their church elder/deacon/council member for ideas and or needs that exist within their church.



Service Hours Evaluation Form

Name of Student: _____

Current Grade: _____

Current Date: _____

Volunteer work was performed for: _____

Person to whom you were responsible: _____

Evaluation to be completed by supervisor: 1-5 1=poor 5= excellent

- 1) How many hours did the student do? _____
- 2) Attitude of the student: 1 2 3 4 5
- 3) Quality of work performed: 1 2 3 4 5
- 4) Additional comments:

5) Signature of supervisor: _____

To be completed by Student:

- 1) How many hours did you do? _____
- 2) Was this experience worthwhile for you? 1 2 3 4 5
- 3) Did you feel useful doing this? 1 2 3 4 5
- 4) Would you recommend this experience to others? 1 2 3 4 5
- 5) Give a brief description of what you did, be specific:

6) Signature of student: _____