

The Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement



Community Service Scholar Program

**What’s in it for you?**

Participation in the Community Service Scholar Program provides opportunities for professional development, leadership training, and networking opportunities. It is also important to note that those who volunteer have at minimum a 27% better chance of finding a job than those who don’t! Reasons for this include that service scholars acquire specific skills and knowledge and are able to demonstrate greater competence and confidence – attributes which potential employers find attractive.

Your service will be recognized at the Annual Community Service Luncheon. You will receive a Certification of Completion indicating the number of service hours completed to that date. Cords will be awarded for upcoming graduates.

**Minimum qualifications:**

* Must be at least a second semester sophomore having earned at minimum 12 credit hours.
* Must be a full-time student taking a minimum of 12 credit hours.
* Must have and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA. Students with higher GPAs will receive additional honors!

**Minimum requirements for the Program:**

* Attend the required orientation training.
* Attend monthly meetings of all Service Scholars during Fall and Spring semesters.
	+ You may be asked to attend other seminars and leadership programs sponsored by the University or the Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement.
* Complete a minimum of 60 hours of service a semester.
	+ That is an average of 4 service hours a week.
	+ You may count the hours of any service-learning course as your service hours.
	+ Some clinicals, practicums, and unpaid internships may apply.
* Complete one Summer of Service prior to graduation earning a minimum of 30 hours.
	+ This would include any international service excluding the general study abroad programs. Service outside of the study may count as service.
* Maintain a monthly log of service hours which is validated by the signature of the service supervisor. The log must include a reflection of the month’s service experience.
	+ Service logs are due at monthly in Fall and Spring.
	+ Service logs for Summer:
		- If enrolled in summer school, logs are due the first day of final exams.
		- If not enrolled in summer school and are returning to TSU for the Fall semester, logs are due at the first Community Service Scholar meeting that semester.

# Should you need assistance in identifying an appropriate service site, we in the Center for Service Learning are here to assist you.