

Santa Rosa District Schools
Guidelines for Student Volunteer Hours
for Bright Futures Scholarships

(Required: 100 for Florida Academic; 75 for Medallion; 30 for Gold Seal)

- 1) The social problem must be identified, for example:
 - a. A suicide prevention
 - b. Homelessness
 - c. Hunger
 - d. Child abuse
 - e. Domestic violence
 - f. Environmental pollution
 - g. Illiteracy
 - h. Elder needs of aged and infirmed
 - i. Substance abuse
 - j. Lack of cultural opportunities
- 2) No pay or reward will be given in exchange for the volunteer hours.
- 3) School or college credit will not be awarded.
- 4) The activity needs to be conducted in a public place.
- 5) There should be no unreasonable health or safety risk involved.
- 6) Volunteer hours cannot be for family members.
- 7) The service hours cannot be political in nature.
- 8) Service hours cannot be a part of a court-ordered community service activity; i.e. students cannot “double-dip”

Appropriate activities may include but not be limited to:

- 1) Participating in a food drive
- 2) Participating in a clothing drive
- 3) Reading or helping children young adults, or adults to “learn to read”
- 4) Participating in an environmental clean-up
- 5) Volunteering as a docent at a museum
- 6) Answering phone calls on a hot line
- 7) Serving food at an established food kitchen
- 8) Reading, singing, or assisting those needing help with fine motor skills
- 9) Helping with email/mail for a person with a disability
- 10) Helping with a large mailing project
- 11) Helping a worthy community cause with fund raising (i.e. bell ringing)

Instructions for school counselors:

- 1) Review students’ Community Service Hours Certification, Community Service Plan (if service is not on approved district list), and Student Log.
- 2) For graduating seniors, maintain the documentation until at least the onset of the next academic year.
- 3) For all other students, keep all documentation on file.