

Thinking about volunteering? Not sure if it's worth your time? Well, think again! Your four years of high school are the perfect time to volunteer. In fact, **many scholarships** (including Bright Futures) require a certain amount of volunteer hours (100+) to be completed to be eligible! They also look good on your resume, for colleges, and for future jobs.

Document exactly how much you volunteer (even if the organization does it as well) Please turn in your paperwork to Ms. Ancewicz (registrar N112) or email Nicole.Ancewicz@stlucieschools.org. This is how you get your hours logged in Skyward. This must be done by prior to graduation.

If volunteering at SLWCHS there is a paper log you can use (available at the front desk or room N112) You must register as a volunteer with the district: <https://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/pdf/departments/communications/Volunteer-How-to-Apply.pdf>

If volunteering off campus, you do NOT need to fill out any applications. Offsite organizations will need to put the volunteer work details and dates on their letterhead that include the following:

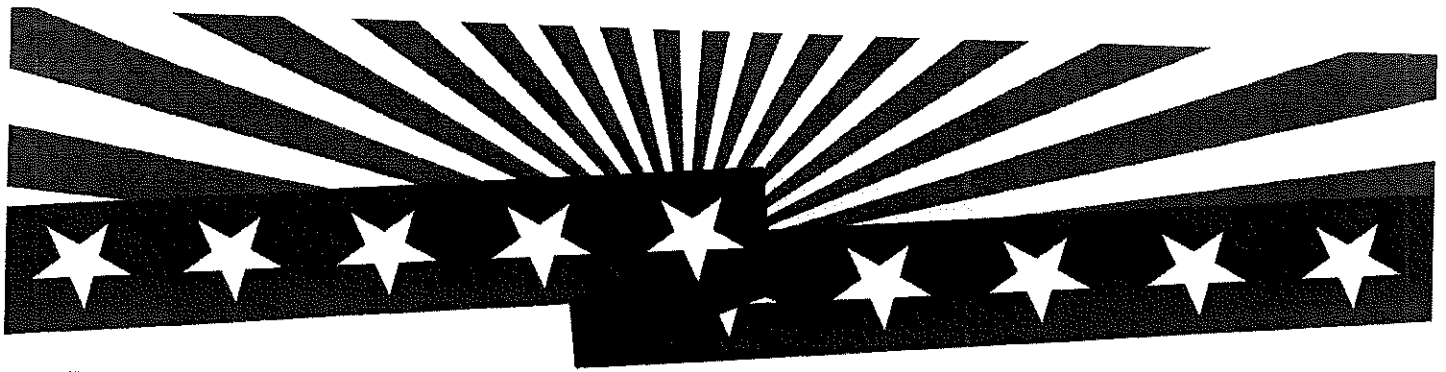
- Official letterhead from the organization.

- Contact information for verification of your service.

- Your name, how many hours volunteered, dates and times you volunteered.

Reminder: The FDOE provides the following guidelines for students volunteering:

Service hours may not be hours that benefitted the student financially or materially, or be service to family members, defined as parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and spouses, including all step relations. The agencies where the service hours were earned must provide documentation on agency letterhead of the number of hours and dates of service completed.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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VOLUNTEERISM

Here's how to get started:

OFF CAMPUS ~

There is not a Centennial application or form. Locate your organization/agency/business. The organization will submit your volunteer service details and dates on their letterhead that include the following:
Official letterhead from the organization; supervisor's name, phone #, and signature; student's our name; total # hours volunteered; dates and times of service.

Return all documents to N-112 or
Nicole.Ancewicz@stlucieschools.org

ON CAMPUS ~

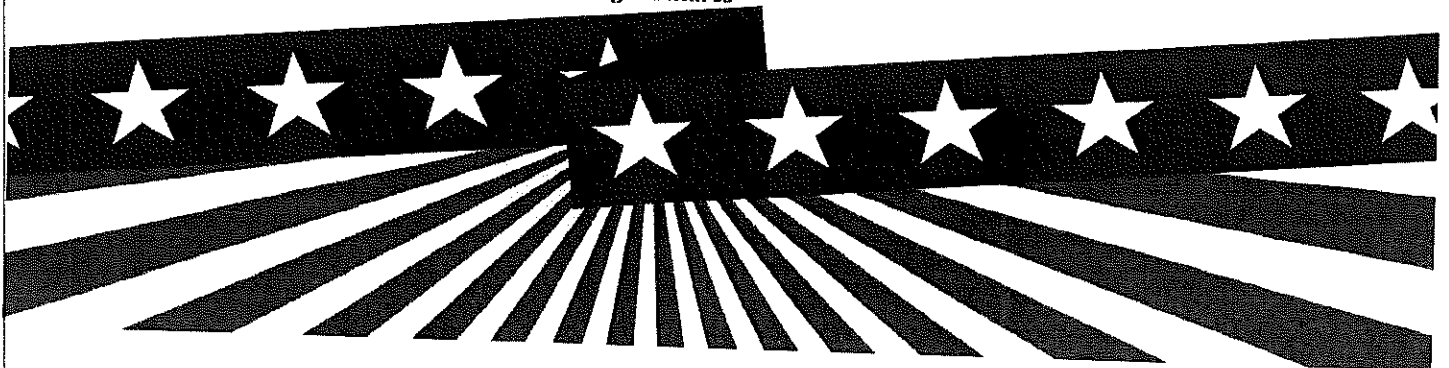
There is a form/log students may use (available at the front desk or room N-112). Students must register as a volunteer with the district first:

<https://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/pdf/departments/communications/Volunteer-How-toApply.pdf>

FLDOE GUIDELINES ~

Service hours may not be hours that benefit the student financially* or materially, or be service to family members, defined as parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and spouses, including all step relations.

**Except for volunteer hours to be used for FL Bright Futures*



community Service

Florida House Bill 461 was passed recently allowing students to use work (paid) experience for the community service hours' requirement for Bright Futures Scholarships.

The School District has created a form for you to log your hours. There is a new requirement of a written reflection. There is space on the back for your reflection.

Below is information on how you will implement and keep track of your hours for this **new policy**:

- You can use one or the other (work OR community/volunteer service), you cannot combine the two.
- You must submit the hourly log form signed by you and your parent to school personnel
- With your log, you must also have **one of the following** -
 - Letter from employer with phone number, dates/hours of employment, and signature of employer
 - Check stub (black out social security number)
 - Any other appropriate form of work verification
- Documentation should be provided to the Registrar: Ms. Ancewicz to enter into Skyward and then will be filed.
- If you are using work hours to meet the community service hour requirement, you must earn a **minimum of 100 hours** regardless of the Bright Futures Scholarship you are trying to get (FAS, FMS, GSV).

If you have any further questions, please reach out to your School Counselor.